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# PUBLIC LIBRARY



HAMMERSMITH.

## Report of the Commissioners

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 1895.

*Presented to the Vestry of Hammersmith.*

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COMMISSIONERS,

1895

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*TO RETIRE IN 1895.*

Mr. J. BENNELL.

Mr. R. P. JONES.

Mr. J. MURRAY.

*TO RETIRE IN 1896.*

Mr. J. M. LEVY.

Mr. N. W. SHAIRP.

Rev. Prebendary SNOWDEN, M.A., Chairman.

*TO RETIRE IN 1897.*

Mr. E. BIRD.

Mr. T. CHAMBERLEN.

Mr. T. G. HODGSON.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
HAMMERSMITH PUBLIC LIBRARY.

GENTLEMEN,

The Report of the Library for the year ended 25th March, 1895, which I have the honour to present to you, compares very favourably with the reports of previous years. The additions to the Lending Department have been both numerous and important, the increase numbering 779 vols., of which 99 were presented, and 680 were purchased. The total number of volumes in this department is 10,051; but a very large proportion of these will require to be re-placed, owing to the severe wear of the past five years.

The issue still maintains its high figure, the number being 192,504; an increase of 2,290 on last year's total. The system of reserving a particular book which was initiated in 1893 is very much appreciated by readers; during the past year 1,158 volumes have been registered. With the hope of increasing the issue in class K. Music, the privilege of allowing a special ticket for this class only, in addition to the ordinary ticket, was adopted in January last. There has been an increase in the issue of 336 volumes, but up to the present time the number of persons who have taken advantage of this privilege is comparatively small. The number of new borrowers is 1,841, and although only 827 have given their occupations, a perusal of Table V. will show that there is a marked improvement in the number of mechanics and shop assistants who have availed themselves of the opportunity of using the Library.

The Reference Department has been replenished with 156 additional volumes, amongst which are some very important works of local interest; the number of volumes in this department is 2,309; and the total stock in both Lending and Reference Libraries is 12,360. The Kelmscott Press Books, presented to the Library last year by Mr. William Morris, are now exhibited in a suitable show-case, and are greatly admired. The crowded state

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of the Reading Rooms at different times of the day has necessitated their re-arrangement by fixing reading slopes to the walls. The removal of the newspaper stands has made the rooms much lighter; and has improved their appearance considerably; it has also enabled me to display many more newspapers in a permanent position, and has greatly increased the accommodation for readers.

The adoption of incandescent burners is a great improvement in lighting the rooms, and it is gratifying to notice that the arrangements made for increasing the comfort and convenience of the public are very much appreciated.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

S. MARTIN,

*Librarian and Secretary.*

THE PASSMORE EDWARDS FREE LIBRARY,  
SHEPHERD'S BUSH.

In the year 1891 the idea of establishing a Branch Library occupied the attention of the Commissioners, and at the meeting held on February 17th in that year Mr. T. Chamberlen urged "That the time had arrived when something should be done towards its establishment; that a piece of vacant land offered a most suitable site, the owners of which should be approached by the Commissioners with view of ascertaining whether they would be disposed to grant a sufficient space for the purpose." The owners were the Copyholders of the ancient Manor of Fulham, and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who are Lords of the said Manor. In due course the owners were communicated with, the result being that the piece of land in question, which has a frontage of 112 feet to Uxbridge Road, and a depth of 120 feet, was given to the Library Commissioners for the purpose of erecting a Branch Public Library thereon. The Library rate being limited to one



halfpenny in the £ did not produce a sufficient income to support two libraries, and it became necessary to obtain the consent of the ratepayers to raise the rate to the maximum allowed by the Act of Parliament, viz., one penny in the £. A vote of the Parish was taken in 1891, which was defeated by a small majority, and in 1893 another poll was taken, which met with a similar result. The matter was allowed to rest until 1894, when Mr. Stiles, of Uxbridge Road, communicated with Mr. J. Passmore Edwards, the well-known philanthropist (and brother of the late Mr. R. P. Edwards, a former Library Commissioner), asking his assistance. Mr. Edwards replied that he would be willing to substantially assist the scheme providing a guarantee were given that the ratepayers would do their part.

On 13th March, 1895, the following letter was received :—

51, BEDFORD SQUARE, W.C.  
*March 13th, 1895.*

MY DEAR SIR,—

I have taken preliminary steps to provide a suitable Branch Library Building for Hammersmith provided competent local authority will undertake to maintain the Library under the provisions of the Free Libraries Act. I should be glad to know before I go further what prospect or assurance is there that this will be done? I can only say that I am ready to perform my part of the undertaking, and that I shall do it most cheerfully, when the Commissioners of Hammersmith Public Libraries, armed with requisite authority, are prepared to do theirs.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. PASSMORE EDWARDS.

S. MARTIN, Esq.

A Committee was formed to bring the matter before the ratepayers, the Parish was canvassed, four public meetings were held, and in due course the Parish was polled for the third time on the question of increasing the Library rate to one penny in the £. The result was eminently satisfactory, the majority in favour of the increase being 2,400, thereby showing that the ratepayers fully appreciated Mr. Edwards' munificent offer.

Meanwhile Mr. Edwards had instructed his architect, Mr. Maurice B. Adams, F.R.I.B.A., of Bedford Park, to prepare plans for the proposed building, a description of which appeared in the *Building News* of 29th March. When erected, the Library will be a great ornament to that part of Uxbridge Road, the elevation being of a pleasing and artistic character, while the internal arrangements are both simple and commodious. The Library is expected to be ready for occupation early in 1896.

It only remains to place on record the thanks of the Parishioners of Hammersmith to the Copyholders of the Manor of Fulham and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for the gift of the valuable site, and to Mr. J. Passmore Edwards for his munificent present of a handsome and commodious Library, which cannot fail to improve the minds and brighten the lives of all those members of the community who make use of it in the time to come.

## TABLE I.

GIVING ATTENDANCE OF COMMISSIONERS DURING 1894.  
COMMISSIONERS.

NAME.	TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD.	16
Bennell, Mr. J.	attended	14
Bird, Mr. E.	"	8
Chamberlen, Mr. T.	"	11
Jones, Mr. R. P.	"	15
Levy, Mr. J. M.	"	7
Murray, Mr. J.	"	6
Platt, Mr. J. C.	"	4
Shairp, Mr. N. W.	"	12
Snowden, Rev. Prebendary	"	6

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

NAME.	TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD.	12
Bird, Mr. E.	attended	7
Chamberlen, Mr. T.	"	9
Shairp, Mr. N. W.	,	10

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

NAME.	TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD.	5
Bennell, Mr. J.	attended	5
Bird, Mr. E.	"	2
Chamberlen, Mr. T.	"	2
Jones, Mr. R. P.	"	5
Levy, Mr. J. M.	"	1
Murray, Mr. J.	"	2
Shairp, Mr. N. W.	"	1

## FURNISHING COMMITTEE.

NAME.	TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD.	1
Murray, Mr. J.	attended	1
Shairp, Mr. N. W.	"	1
Snowden, Rev. Prebendary	"	1

# TABLE II.

## LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING AND REFERENCE.

CLASS.	No. of Volumes in Lending Library, March, 1894.	Volumes Lost and Paid For.	Volumes Totally Lost.	Volumes Withdrawn, and worn out.	Total.	Stock Reduced, as per column 5.	No. of Volumes Replaced.	No. of New Books added to Library.	Present Stock, 1895.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c.	435	3			3	432		22	454
B. History and Biography	1147	1			1	1146		115	1261
C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	577					577		56	633
D. Law, Politics, &c.	161					161		20	181
E. Arts and Sciences	979					979		58	1037
F. Fiction	3389	12	5	19	36	3353	36	311	3700
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics	300			1	1	299		32	331
H. Miscellaneous Literature & Magazines	958			1	1	958		87	1045
J. Juvenile Literature	1167					1166		64	1230
K. Music	165					165		14	179
Lending Library Totals	9278	16	5	21	42	9236	36	779	10051
R. L. Reference Library	2228			75	75	2153		156	2309
Totals	11506	16	5	96	117	11389	36	935	12360

TABLE III.

## LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Showing the monthly issue in each class, the total volumes issued, the number of days the Library was open, and the daily average.

1894. Month.	A. Theology, &c.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	D. Law and Politics.	E. Arts, Sciences, Natural History, &c.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Classics, &c.	H. Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines.	I. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes issued.	Total Number of Borrowers.	Number of Days open.	Daily Average.
March 26—31	44	107	91	13	162	2593	34	219	698	36	3997	3953	4	999
April	151	554	420	52	694	11393	150	950	2902	158	17424	17208	21	829
May	174	599	455	32	782	11738	160	929	2822	176	17867	17659	21	850
June	205	557	436	53	700	11443	129	922	2790	178	17413	17167	22	791
July	154	390	404	50	602	10424	96	710	2411	121	15362	15121	22	698
August*	40	160	126	20	255	4070	48	256	816	49	5840	5805	12	486
September	151	550	388	51	632	10758	152	757	2250	187	15876	15712	21	756
October	199	700	495	48	651	11626	148	921	2426	191	17405	17099	22	791
November	209	735	469	71	740	11975	181	1000	2511	176	18067	18020	22	821
December	172	512	412	67	595	10644	181	861	2266	198	15908	15706	20	795
1895.														
January	192	576	469	80	629	11393	164	876	2352	252	16983	16746	22	772
February	187	584	421	61	565	10751	137	801	1915	241	15663	15460	20	783
March 1—25	159	727	432	81	623	9702	130	820	1781	244	14699	14384	18	816
Totals	2037	6751	5018	679	7630	128510	1710	10022	27940	2207	192504	190040	247	779

\* Closed from August 6th to 18th for Stocktaking.

TABLE IV.

## REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Showing the monthly issue in each class, the number of days the Library was open, the total number of volumes issued, and the daily average.

1894. Month.	A. Theology, Philosophy, &c.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	D. Law and Politics.	E. Arts, Sciences, Natural History, &c.	F. Poetry, Drama, Classics, &c.	H. Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines.	Total Number of Volumes Issued.	Total Number of Borrowers.	Number of Days Open.	Daily Average.
March 26—31	2	3	3	..	16	2	8	34	24	4	8
April ..	10	20	26	3	85	32	85	261	197	21	12
May ..	13	31	29	1	70	15	79	238	181	21	11
June ..	18	40	29	..	62	45	50	244	179	22	11
July ..	12	17	43	5	64	31	64	236	151	22	11
August ..	4	8	25	4	59	14	52	166	120	12	13
September ..	6	23	32	3	60	13	45	182	142	21	8
October ..	8	29	28	2	84	25	53	229	176	22	10
November ..	11	40	29	6	82	12	53	233	173	22	10
December ..	4	41	20	6	27	29	51	178	119	20	8
1895.											
January ..	18	20	35	1	50	7	71	202	150	22	9
February ..	27	12	17	..	37	21	46	160	118	20	8
March 1—25	5	13	27	..	39	36	60	180	132	18	10
Totals ..	138	297	343	31	735	282	717	2543	1862	247	10



TABLE V.  
An Account and Classification of Receipts from Fines, Sale of Catalogues, Tickets, &c.

1894. Month.	Fines for Detention of Books.	Payments for Lost Books.	Fines for Damage to Books.	Sales of Tickets.	Sales of Catalogues.	Sales of Waste Paper.	Payments for Reserv- ing Books.	Total Receipts.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
March 26—31...	2 6 8	...	...	0 5 3	0 5 8	...	0 1 5	2 19 0
April ...	10 9 0	0 2 9	0 0 4	1 6 6	1 15 2	0 5 5	0 8 0	14 7 2
May ...	10 13 0	0 11 7	0 1 0	1 9 7	1 17 0	0 7 9	0 3 9	15 3 8
June ...	9 12 0	0 3 8	0 0 6	1 5 6	1 10 5	0 13 3	0 4 5	13 9 9
July ...	10 10 7	0 2 6	0 0 6	0 19 3	1 2 10	0 10 10	0 1 11	13 8 5
August ..	5 9 5	0 5 2	...	1 5 2	1 1 11	0 6 6	0 2 7	8 10 9
September	7 2 11	0 5 6	...	2 9 9	2 18 11	...	0 5 3	13 2 4
October	7 12 8	0 7 3	0 0 6	2 2 1	2 7 0	0 3 6	0 7 6	13 0 6
November	10 9 4	0 0 6	...	1 19 6	2 4 10	0 6 6	0 11 0	15 11 8
December	11 14 3	...	...	2 0 2	1 7 11	0 10 0	0 12 4	16 4 8
1895.								
January	11 16 1	0 4 6	...	2 5 0	1 16 1	0 15 0	0 14 1	17 10 9
February	10 1 5	...	...	1 13 4	1 8 2	4 8 6	0 12 1	18 3 6
March 1—25 ...	7 13 6	0 2 0	0 0 2	1 19 11	1 6 6	0 7 6	0 12 3	12 1 10
Totals ...	115 10 10	2 5 5	0 3 0	21 1 0	21 2 5	8 14 9	4 16 7	173 14 0

TABLE VI.

Showing the number of New Borrowers and the district in which they reside.

Name of District.					No. of Borrowers.
College Park ...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Wormholt ...	...	...	...	...	169
Latymer ...	...	...	...	...	17
St. Stephen's...	...	...	...	...	318
Starch Green...	...	...	...	...	220
Ravenscourt ...	...	...	...	...	281
The Grove ...	...	...	...	...	246
Brook Green ...	...	...	...	...	203
St. Matthew's	...	...	...	...	165
St. Paul's ...	...	...	...	...	70
St. Peter's ...	...	...	...	...	152
Total ...	...	...	...	...	1841

Table showing the number of New Tickets issued, Tickets renewed and cancelled, 1890—95.

Year.	New Tickets.	Renewals.	Tickets Cancelled.	Total Tickets issued.
1890—1	6324	—	402	6324
1891—2	1989	3262	762	5251
1892—3	1676	3100	1000	4776
1893—4	1989	2682	818	4671
1894—5	1841	2719	445	4560
Totals	13819	11763	3427	25582



## TABLE VII.

## OCCUPATIONS OF NEW BORROWERS ENROLLED

Accountants ... ..	10	Dressmakers ... ..	28	Press Reader... ..	1
Actors and Actresses	5	Electricians ... ..	3	Publicans ... ..	3
Agents ... ..	12	Electro Plater ... ..	1	Railway Officials ...	8
Apprentices ... ..	7	Engine Cleaner ... ..	1	Salesmen ... ..	5
Architects & Surveyors	7	Engine Fitter ... ..	1	Saleswoman ... ..	1
Art Student ... ..	1	Engineers ... ..	25	Scholars ... ..	53
Art Workman ... ..	1	Engravers ... ..	2	Schoolmasters and	
Artists ... ..	18	Errand Boys ... ..	6	Teachers ... ..	15
Auctioneers ... ..	2	Fishmongers ... ..	2	Sculptor ... ..	1
Authors & Authoresses	3	Florist ... ..	1	Secretaries ... ..	2
Bakers ... ..	5	Furniture Dealers ...	3	Shop Assistants ...	10
Barmaids ... ..	2	Gardeners ... ..	3	Shorthand Writer ...	1
Barristers ... ..	2	Gas Fitters ... ..	4	Sign Writer ... ..	1
Blacksmiths ... ..	2	Governesses & Teachers	43	Solicitors ... ..	4
Bookbinders ... ..	2	Grocers ... ..	4	Stationer ... ..	1
Boat Builder ... ..	1	Hairdressers ... ..	5	Steward ... ..	1
Bootmakers ... ..	7	Hosiers ... ..	5	Stonemason ... ..	1
Brass Finisher ... ..	1	Housekeepers ... ..	3	Students ... ..	27
Bricklayers ... ..	3	House Decorators and		Tailors ... ..	13
Builders ... ..	14	Painters ... ..	15	Tea Merchants ... ..	2
Butchers ... ..	7	Laundresses ... ..	4	Telegraphists ... ..	3
Cabinetmaker ... ..	1	Lithographer... ..	1	Telegraph Messengers	10
Carpenters & Joiners	25	Matrons ... ..	2	Travellers ... ..	7
Cashiers ... ..	2	Mechanics ... ..	2	Tutors... ..	2
Cheesemongers and		Medical Practitioners	7	Typists ... ..	2
Assistants ... ..	5	Medical Student ... ..	1	Upholsterers ... ..	4
Chemists & Assistants	6	Merchants ... ..	4	Warehousemen ... ..	5
Civil Engineers ... ..	2	Military Officer ... ..	1	Wardrobe Dealer ...	1
Civil Servants ... ..	5	Milliners ... ..	7	Wheelwright... ..	1
Clergymen ... ..	8	Music Seller ... ..	1	Wine Merchants ...	2
Clerks ... ..	141	Musicians & Vocalists	18	Wood Turner ... ..	1
Coach Builders ... ..	2	Naval Officer... ..	1		
Coachman ... ..	1	Nurses (Medical, &c.)	14		827
Collectors ... ..	2	Packer ... ..	1	Occupations not	
Commercials ... ..	3	Paperhanger ... ..	1	stated ... ..	1014
Compositors & Printers	6	Photographers ... ..	4		
Confectioners ... ..	6	Pianoforte Makers ...	4	Total ... ..	1841
Corn Dealers... ..	2	Plasterer ... ..	1		
Dairymen ... ..	2	Plumbers ... ..	14		
Domestics ... ..	17	Policemen ... ..	2	Males ... ..	918
Drapers & Assistants	28	Porters ... ..	3	Females ... ..	923
Draughtsmen ... ..	6	Post Office Officials ...	9		

## TABLE VIII.

## COMPARATIVE SUMMARY.

Lending Library—			1893-4	1894-5
Volumes presented .	...	...	48	99
Volumes purchased	...	...	133	680
Number of volumes in stock	...	...	9,278	10,051
Number of issues ...	...	...	190,214	192,504
Average daily issue	...	...	796	779
Reference Library—				
Volumes presented...	...	...	69	55
Volumes purchased	...	...	76	101
Number of volumes in stock	...	...	2,231	2,309
Number of issues ...	...	...	3,027	2,543
Average daily issue	...	...	13	10
New borrowers enrolled	...	...	1,989	1,841
Tickets renewed	...	...	2,682	2,719
Tickets cancelled	...	...	818	445
Approximate number of tickets in force			3,853	4,115
Overdue books written for...	...	...	393	288
Volumes re-bound	...	..	1,128	813
Total issue in Reference and Lending departments	...	...	193,241	195,047
GENERAL DATA.				
Population (estimated)	...	...	106,113	
Rateable Value ...	...	...	£551,856	
Amount of rate levied	...	...	One halfpenny	
Amount produced by rate	...	...	£1,027	
Total issue of books since the Library was opened on March 19th, 1890	...	...	958,986	

DONORS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, PERIODICALS, &c., 1894-5.  
VOLS. PHTS.

Arber, Mr. E.	-	-	-	-	5	-
Besant, Sir W.	-	-	-	-	15	-
Board of Trade, Whitehall	-	-	-	-	3	-
Bridge House Estates Committee, London	-	-	-	-	1	-
British Museum, Trustees of	-	-	-	-	11	-
Browning Society	-	-	-	-	3	-
Burdett, Mr. H. C.	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carnegie, Mr. Andrew	-	-	-	-	-	2
Cassell and Co.	-	-	-	-	1	-
Cheetham, Mr.	-	-	-	-	8	-
Cockerell, Mr.	-	-	-	-	1	-
Corporation of London	-	-	-	-	2	-
Cristall, Miss	-	-	-	-	5	-
Cust, Mr. R. N.	-	-	-	-	6	-
Derby, Countess of	-	-	-	-	2	-
Desmond-Humphreys, Mrs. W.	-	-	-	-	4	-
Edwards, Miss M. Betham	-	-	-	-	2	-
Emigrants' Information Office	-	-	-	-	1	-
Fitzgerald, Mrs.	-	-	-	-	1	-
Green, Miss F. E.	-	-	-	-	1	-
Hayes, Mr. F. W.	-	-	-	-	1	-
Hetherington, Miss	-	-	-	-	11	-
London County Council	-	-	-	-	1	-
Lowry, Rev. S. C.	-	-	-	-	1	-
Mears, Miss A. G.	-	-	-	-	2	-
North British Railway Company	-	-	-	-	1	-
Peddie, Mr. R. A.	-	-	-	-	3	-
Platt, Mr. J.	-	-	-	-	1	-
Rationalist Press Committee	-	-	-	-	2	1
Smithsonian Institution, U.S.A.	-	-	-	-	1	-
Stein, Miss	-	-	-	-	1	-
Tasmania, Agent General for	-	-	-	-	1	-
Victoria, Agent General for	-	-	-	-	2	-
Voysey, Rev. C.	-	-	-	-	6	-
Webster, Mrs. C. A.	-	-	-	-	3	-

REPORTS have been received from the undermentioned Libraries :—

Aberdeen, Aguilar, New York ; Baillie's Institution, Glasgow ; Barking, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brentford, Brighton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Chelsea, Cheltenham, Chiswick, Clapham, Clerkenwell, Croydon, Derby, Ealing, Folkestone, Fulham, Gosport and Alverstoke, Holborn, Hove, Kidderminster, Leamington Spa, Leeds, Leicester, Lewisham, Liverpool, Longton, Los Angelés, Manchester, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Nicholson Institute, Leek ; Norwich, Plymouth, Poplar, Portsmouth, Richmond, Rotherhithe, Runcorn, St. Giles, St. Helens, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Salisbury, Sheffield, Shoreditch, Smethwick, South Shields, Stirling's and Glasgow, Stoke Newington, Streatham, Twickenham, Watford, Westminster, West Bromwich, Whitechapel, Willesden, Wolverhampton, Worcester, Yarmouth (Great), York.

Miscellaneous Gifts :—

Bird, Mr. E.—Map of the Manor of Fulham, 1813.

Simkins, Captain.—Sketches of Hyde Lodge and Mall House.

Hetherington, Miss.—Review of Reviews.

# PARISH OF HAMMERSMITH.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The District Auditors Act, 1879 (42 Vict., c. 6), and the Public Libraries Act, 1892 (55 & 56 Vict., c. 53).

*Statement of Receipts and Expenditure by the Commissioners for Public Libraries and Museums for the above-named Parish for the Year ended 25th March, 1895.*

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
Amount received from Rates levied with and as part of the Poor Rates	...	...	...	1,927	14	0	Balance against at commencement of year, as per Financial Statement to 25th day of March, 1894	...	...
Mem.—The rate levied for the purpose of the Commissioners during the year amounted to $\frac{3}{4}$ d. in the £	...	...	...	...	...	...	Buildings, Repairs and Maintenance	...	348 1 2
Fines and Penalties	...	...	...	...	...	...	Books, Periodicals and Binding	...	304 19 3½
Lost Books	...	...	...	...	...	...	Salaries and Remuneration of Officers and Assistants	...	363 3 4
Damage to Books	...	...	...	...	...	...	Establishment Charges not before included	...	86 12 10½
Sales of Tickets	...	...	...	...	...	...	Audit Stamp	...	...
Sales of Catalogues	...	...	...	...	...	...	In Treasurer's Hands	...	57 12 11
Sales of Waste Paper	...	...	...	...	...	...	In Hands of Secretary	...	0 2 0
Payments for Reserving Books	...	...	...	...	...	...			87 14 11
				58	2	4			
Total Receipts	...	...	...	£1,201	7	2	Total Expenditure and Balance	£1,201	7 2

SAMUEL MARTIN, *Clerk, 8th April, 1895.*

I hereby certify that I have compared the entries in this Financial Statement with the Vouchers and other Documents relating thereto, and that the Regulations with respect to such Statement have been duly complied with. I hereby further certify that I have ascertained by Audit the correctness of such Statement, and that the amount expended by the Commissioners during the year ended 25th March, 1895, included in such Statement, and allowed by me at the Audit, is One thousand one hundred and thirteen Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Threepence. As witness my hand, this 18th day of June, 1895.

(Signed) T. BARCLAY COCKERTON, *District Auditor.*



The Metropolitan Borough of  
Hammersmith.

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PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF LIBRARIAN

*For the Year ended 31st March,*

1902.



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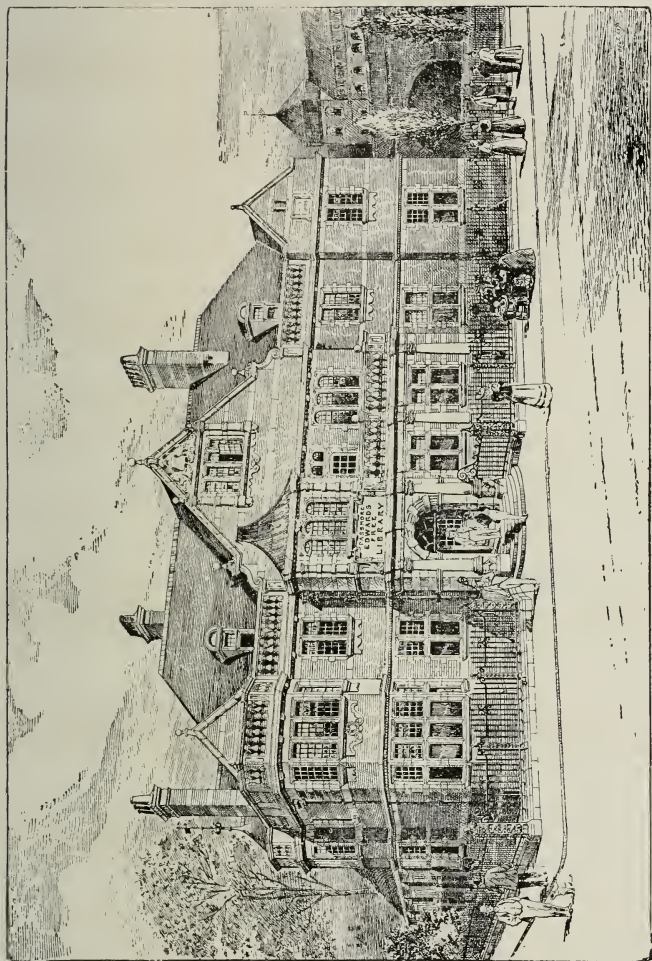






THE PUBLIC LIBRARY RAVENSCOURT PARK.

THE LIBRARY  
OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA



THE PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY SHEPHERD'S BUSH.

THE LIBRARY  
OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

# LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

1901-1902.

COUNCILLOR SIR W. B. RICHMOND, K.C.B., R.A., *Chairman.*

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## OFFICERS.

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Sub-Librarian :

W. B. McDOUAL.

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W. J. WALKER.

L. W. WILKS.

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E. BELL.

E. MAYHEW.

R KELLY.

Attendant at the College Park Reading Room.

E. G. MORSE.

Superintendent at the Reading Room, Brook Green Road.

C. JUSTICE.

Porters.

W. P. GODDARD.

W. CLARKE.



*To the Libraries Committee of the Metropolitan Borough of  
Hammersmith.*

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting the report for the past year, I have the pleasure to state that the Libraries and Reading Rooms have fully maintained the popularity and utility of previous years.

The chief incident to record is the opening of the temporary Reading Room, Brook Green Road. Ever since 1887, when the Libraries Acts were adopted, each successive committee has been anxious to erect a building near the Broadway, as it was felt that owing to the distance to be traversed to either of the existing Libraries many residents in the southern and eastern parts of the Borough were unable to avail themselves of the benefits conferred by those Acts. Want of the necessary funds, however, prevented this being carried out at an earlier date.

The room, which is commodious and comfortable, was opened on the 1st January, 1902, by Councillor Hodgson, Vice-Chairman of the Libraries Committee, the Chairman, Sir W. B. Richmond, K.C.B., R.A., being unavoidably absent. The Mayor presided, and was supported by members of the Libraries Committee, Aldermen and Councillors. A large number of residents was also present.

From the first the Reading Room has been greatly appreciated by the public, and the wisdom of the Committee in taking this step has been fully justified, for the total number of visitors to the 31st March, was 47,099, being an average for each week day of 636, and for each Sunday of 126. A small selection of ready reference books was placed on open shelves in the Magazine Room; these have been largely used.

*Ravenscourt Park Library.*

The Lending Department has received an additional 763 volumes, 53 of which were presented and 710 were purchased. The number of volumes withdrawn worn out was 382, 247 of these have been replaced by new copies. The issue shows an increase of 2,691 volumes over that of last year. By a reference to Table VII. it will be seen that all classes with the exception of Class C, show an increase over



that of last year. The number of volumes in this department is now 12,202. During the year the staff has repaired 2,039 volumes, has put new cloth sides to 286 volumes, and 443 volumes have been re-numbered.

In the Reference Department 380 volumes were added of these 128 were presented and 252 purchased. The issue shows a slight increase on the previous year (these figures do not include the references made to directories, year books etc., which are on open shelves and in continual use). The stock numbers 4,523 volumes and the total for both departments is 16,725.

#### *Passmore Edwards Library.*

The total stock in the Lending and Reference Departments is 11,385 volumes. Of this number 673 were added during the past year, 165 of which were presented and 477 purchased. The number of volumes withdrawn worn out was 278, and 216 of these were replaced by new copies. Owing to the Library being closed for a few days for cleaning, the total issue shows a slight decrease compared with that of last year, although the daily average is higher. On the whole the issues compare favourably with those of last year as will be seen by referring to Table VII. The number of books issued on the usual form in the Reference Library was 2,582, daily average 8. In January about 200 volumes were placed upon open shelves in the Reference Room; these are available for readers without filling up the form. The number of references made from 22nd January to 31st March was 3,534, being a daily average of 60 volumes. From these figures it will be seen that the arrangement is greatly appreciated. During the year the Staff has repaired 1,338 volumes, put new cloth sides to 213 volumes and 552 have been renumbered.

#### *College Park.*

The issue of books at College Park Library is not so satisfactory as could be desired, being 410 less than last year.

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The number of volumes issued from all the libraries for home reading was 189,775, and for reference (exclusive of books on the open shelves) 6,009; making a total of 195,784. This is the highest number issued in one year.



The number of tickets taken by new borrowers was 2,774; Ravenscourt Park 1,088; Shepherds Bush 1641; and College Park 45. In addition, 168 "Student's Tickets" were issued at Ravenscourt Park, and 234 at Shepherd's Bush Library. The numbers of tickets cancelled were 314, 153, and 5 respectively, leaving 5,695 as the approximate number in force.

One of the chief objections to Public Libraries is the fear that they may spread infectious diseases, and it cannot be too widely known that the greatest care is taken by the Public Health Committee and the Libraries Committee to prevent such a result. Books are not allowed to be borrowed by persons living in an infected house until such house has been disinfected, and should there be any books belonging to the Libraries at the time the infection was reported they are burnt by the Sanitary Inspector. During the recent epidemic of small-pox 24 volumes were so destroyed.

### *Free Lectures.*

The first of the second series of Free Lectures was given on the 1st November at the Town Hall, by the Chairman, Sir W. B. Richmond, K.C.B., R.A., the subject being "Some art books in the Public Libraries." There was a good attendance, and in connection with the lecture an exhibition of art and other illustrated books was held. The lecture contained so much bibliographical information that the Committee decided to publish it, and it has since been reprinted in "The Library Association Record," the official publication of the Library Association.

On the 28th November, Mr. Julian S. Corbett, F.S.A., gave a lecture on "Sir Francis Drake." There was a large attendance and the lecturer, who is a recognised authority on the subject, rivetted the attention of his audience with a graphic description of the exploits and adventures of that remarkable man.

The third lecture was given by Mr. Herbert M. Ellis, on 13th December, the subject being "William Morris, Poet, Artist and Craftsman." Unfortunately the inclement weather prevented many persons from attending, but the audience, though smaller than usual, was very appreciative. To illustrate the lecture Messrs. Morris & Co., Oxford Street, lent for exhibition a beautiful piece of tapestry, some "Hammer-smith" rugs, a quantity of valuable material with Morris's designs, and other products for which the firm is famous.

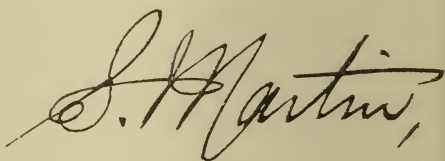
The last of the series, entitled "The Language of Line," was given on 30th January, 1902, by Mr. Walter Crane, A.R.W.S. The hall on this occasion was filled to its utmost capacity, and the lecturer gave an excellent discourse which he illustrated with a number of clever drawings. These drawings were afterwards presented to the Library, where they will be carefully preserved.

The Libraries Committee desires to record its sincere thanks to the lecturers for their valuable assistance, to Messrs. Morris & Co., for their kindness in lending their goods for exhibition, and to the Borough Council for granting the use of the Town Hall free of charge.

The usual statistical tables accompany this report to which I refer you for full information of the year's work.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,



*Chief Librarian.*

## BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH.

### *Public Libraries Memoranda.*

The Public Libraries Acts were adopted on the 7th December, 1887.

The first Commissioners were appointed 21st December 1887.

The Librarian was appointed 15th January, 1889.

The Reading Rooms at Ravenscourt Park were opened 12th August, 1889.

The Public Library, Ravenscourt Park, was opened by Sir John Lubbock (Lord Avebury) on the 19th March, 1890.

The land upon which the Passmore Edwards Library stands was presented to the Library Commissioners by the Homage Jury of the Manor of Fulham, and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, 18th July, 1891.

The Ratepayers voted the maximum Library Rate of One Penny in the £, on the 8th April, 1895.

Mr. J. Passmore Edwards intimated his intention to present a Library Building to Hammersmith on the 13th March, 1895, and the foundation stone of the Library was laid by him on the 4th July following.

The Passmore Edwards Library was opened by the Rt. Hon. Lord Rosebery, on the 25th June, 1896.

The powers and duties of the Library Commissioners were taken over by the late Vestry on the 29th September, 1896.

Mr. J. Passmore Edwards unveiled the bronze medallion portrait of Charles Keene, presented to the Shepherd's Bush Library by the Keene Memorial Committee, on the 16th December, 1896.

Mr. A. G. Fletcher unveiled the bronze medallion portrait of Leigh Hunt, presented to the Shepherd's Bush Library by Mr. J. Passmore Edwards, on the 28th October, 1897.

The Rev. Prebendary Snowden, M.A., Chairman of the late Vestry, opened the Reading Room and Delivery Station at Letchford Gardens, College Park, on 22nd April, 1899.

The Temporary Reading Room, Brook Green Road, was opened by Councillor T. G. Hodgson, Vice-Chairman of the Libraries Committee, on 1st January, 1902.



## LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING, REFERENCE AND BOYS' ROOM.

## PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERD'S BUSH.

CLASS,	No. of volumes in Lending Library, 31 Mar., 1901.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total.	Stock reduced as per column 5.	No. of Volumes replaced.	No. of New Books added to Library.	Stock 31st Mar., 1902.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c....	499	...	...	..	...	449	...	50	549
B. History and Biography ...	1519	...	...	1	1	1518	...	111	1629
C. Voyages, Travels, &c. ...	607	...	...	...	...	607	...	63	670
D. Law, Politics, &c. ...	203	...	...	...	...	203	1	37	241
E. Arts and Sciences ...	1182	...	1	...	1	1181	2	58	1241
F. Fiction ...	3449	12	5	260	277	3172	196	127	3495
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics	511	1	..	...	1	510	1	34	545
H. Miscellaneous, Literature and Magazines ...	750	...	...	...	...	750	...	55	805
I. Juvenile Literature ...	1226	4	1	11	16	1210	13	45	1268
K. Music ...	280	...	...	2	2	278	3	14	295
Lending Library Totals	10226	17	7	274	298	9928	216	594	10738
Reference Library ...	374	...	...	3	3	371	...	79	450
Boys' Library ...	205	...	7	1	8	197	...	...	197
Combined Totals ...	10805	17	14	278	309	10496	216	673	11385
Pamphlets ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27



TABLE III.

Volumes issued from the Libraries 1901-1902.

	A. Theology, Philosophy, &c.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, &c.	E. Arts, Sciences, Natural History, &c.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Classics, Literature, &c.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes Issued.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
RAVENS COURT PARK LIBRARY.													
Lending Library ...	1192	3831	1728	803	3095	50646	1360	4481	7932	1689	76757	246	312
Reference Library...	197	627	412	172	877	—	397	745	—	—	3427	304	11
Total ...	1389	4458	2140	975	3972	50646	1757	5226	7932	1689	80184	—	323
PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERD'S BUSH.													
Lending Library ...	818	3843	2175	842	4359	74220	1447	3901	17633	1621	110859	244	454
Reference Library...	111	393	307	136	658	—	312	663	—	2	2582	304	8
Total ...	929	4236	2482	978	5017	74220	1759	4564	17633	1623	113441	—	462
COLLEGE PARK LIBRARY.													
Lending Library ...	22	48	13	4	20	1690	9	24	312	17	2159	145	14
COMBINED TOTALS, 1901-1902.													
Lending Library ...	2340	8742	4635	1957	9009	126556	3525	9814	25877	3329	195784	—	799

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Public Library Account.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, being classification  
during year end**

**INCOME.**

	Produce of Rate.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	Brook Green Road.	College Park.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s.
Rate Account ...	2671 15 8	...	...	...	...	2671 15
Fines ...	...	52 1 7	78 10 8	...	0 6 6	130 18
Sale of Catalogues ...	...	9 19 3	...	...	...	9 19
Reserved Books ...	...	1 18 3	3 3 0	—	..	5 1
Sale of Wastepaper, &c. ...	...	6 4 0	10 15 6	2 15 9	...	19 15
Lost Books ...	...	2 0 11	2 14 11	—	...	4 15
Donations ...	...	...	0 1 0	...	...	0 1
Miscellaneous Receipts ...	...	1 2 10	0 6 8	...	15 5 0	16 14
	2671 15 8	73 6 10	95 11 9	2 15 9	15 11 6	2859 1

Balance at 31st March, 1901 ... 744 8

NOTE.—The above Balance Sheet has not yet been audited  
by the Local Government Auditor.

## ACCOUNT.

receipts from Fines, Sales, &c., and particulars of Expenditure  
31st March, 1902.

## EXPENDITURE.

	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	Brook Green Road.	College Park.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Buildings, Repairs, and maintenance	7 7 3	42 19 0	7 2 10	49 5 6	106 14 7
Furniture and Fittings, &c.	32 8 5	9 13 6	38 8 0	0 7 8	80 17 7
Lighting, Heating, and Water Supply	102 11 0	110 4 6	16 4 7	25 6 0	254 6 1
Rent, Taxes, and Insurance	16 6 3	10 4 6	...	1 1 0	27 11 9
Loans and Interest thereon	...	173 12 9	...	...	173 12 9
Salaries and Wages	435 9 0	439 2 0	33 10 0	94 5 0	1002 6 0
Books Purchased ...	247 7 10	109 14 3	11 15 2	1 6 0	370 3 3
Books Replaced ...	24 8 9	16 6 4	...	...	40 15 1
Bookbinding ...	74 18 7	51 17 2	0 19 6	...	127 15 3
Newspapers and Periodicals	74 15 1	73 15 5	9 15 0	27 7 9	185 13 3
Printing and Stationery	45 13 0	37 19 11	4 2 10	...	87 15 9
Petty Cash and Postage	35 13 11	12 9 0	6 15 9	4 13 8	59 12 4
Brook Green Road Reading Room, erection of	...	...	559 1 7	...	559 1 7
	1096 19 1	1087 18 4	687 15 3	203 12 7	3076 5 3

Balance at 31st March, 1902 ... 527 4 7

£3603 9 10

A. G. KEEN,  
*Borough Accountant.*

TABLE V.

New Borrowers and the Districts in which they reside.

Name of District.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	
College Park	...	...	45	
Wormholt ...	6	401	...	
Latymer ...	1	33	...	
St. Stephen's	71	399	...	
Starch Green	230	96	...	
Ravenscourt ...	324	6	...	
The Grove ...	184	136	...	
Brook Green	60	213	...	
St. Matthew's	30	340	...	
St. Paul's ...	89	16	...	
St. Peter's ...	93	1	...	
TOTALS ...	1088	1641	45	2774
Male Borrowers 1411. Female Borrowers 1363.				
"Student's Tickets" were issued as under :—				
Ravenscourt Park	...	...	168	
Shepherd's Bush	...	...	234	402
Grand Total of New Tickets	...	...	...	3176

TABLE VI.  
SUMMARY 1901-1902.

	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.
Lending Library—			
Volumes presented... ..	53	139	4
Volumes purchased... ..	710	455	...
Volumes replaced ... ..	247	216	...
Number of volumes in stock ...	12202	10738	591
Number of issues ... ..	76757	110859	2159
Average daily issues ... ..	312	454	14
Reference Library—			
Volumes presented... ..	128	26	...
Volumes purchased ... ..	252	22	...
Number of volumes in stock ...	4523	450	...
Number of issues ... ..	3427	2582	...
Average daily issues ... ..	11	8	...
Boys' Room—			
Number of volumes in stock ...	...	197	...
Average daily attendance ... ..	...	35	...
New borrowers tickets issued ...	1088	1641	45
New "Students Tickets" ... ..	168	234	...
Tickets renewed ... ..	1135	1903	27
Tickets cancelled ... ..	314	153	5
Number of tickets in force ... ..	1909	3719	67
Volumes re-bound ... ..	894	732	...
Volumes repaired by Staff ... ..	2768	2103	...
Total issue in Reference and Lending departments ... ..	80184	113441	2159
Grand total ... ..		195784	
Total issue since the Libraries were opened—			
Ravenscourt Park, books first issued, March, 1890 ... ..	1615230	...	...
Passmore Edwards Library, Shepherd's Bush, December, 1896 ... ..	...	609417	...
College Park, April, 1899 ... ..	...	...	6383
GENERAL DATA.			
Population as per census, 1901 ... ..			112239
Rateable value ... ..			£695102
Amount of Rate levied ... ..			One Penny
Amount produced by Rate ... ..			£2671 15 8

# TABLE VII.

SUMMARY OF ISSUES AT RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY, MARCH, 1890, TO MARCH, 1902.

Year.	A. Theology, Philosophy, etc.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, etc.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, etc.	F. Art, Science, Natural History, etc.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Classics, etc.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes Issued.	Number of Days Open.	Daily Average.
1890—1	2627	10994	7040	679	9060	112754	2411	7696	25980	3200	182441	247	738
1891—2	2333	9164	6041	692	7923	124384	1987	7528	30304	2476	192732	245	786
1892—3	1931	7431	4885	670	7524	121894	1978	8201	27788	1886	184188	240	767
1893—4	1958	7088	5220	679	8027	125827	1725	9469	28350	1871	190214	239	796
1894—5	2037	6751	5018	679	7630	128510	1710	10022	27940	2207	192504	247	779
1895—6	1639	6837	4457	811	6653	117594	1500	9023	23609	2822	174945	246	711
*1896—7	987	3597	2448	418	3673	76676	887	5242	15773	1343	111044	241	460
1897—8	422	2506	1452	260	1781	53664	604	2979	8763	789	73220	246	297
1898—9	475	2555	1553	272	1836	46667	632	2944	7262	881	65077	242	269
1899—1900	528	2403	1535	422	2026	44922	676	2716	6608	1173	63009	242	260
1900—1901	844	3074	1890	611	2884	49707	1143	3926	7447	1540	73066	251	291
1901—1902	1192	3831	1728	803	3095	50646	1360	4481	7932	1689	76757	246	312
Lending Library Totals ...	16973	66231	43267	6996	62112	1053145	16613	74227	217756	21877	1579197	2932	538

SUMMARY OF ISSUES IN REFERENCE LIBRARY, MARCH, 1890, TO MARCH, 1902.

1890—1902	1514	5337	4128	1029	10365	...	3948	9364	...	...	35685	2990	12
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Year.	A. Theology, Philosophy, etc.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, etc.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, etc.	E. Arts, Sciences, Natural History, etc.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Literature, etc.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes issued.	Number of Days open.	Daily average.
1896-7	301	1310	750	194	1573	17646	351	610	4458	819	28012	67	418
1897-8	1166	4945	2793	859	4583	83969	1340	3307	19506	2490	124958	246	507
1898-9	1196	4315	2474	875	3792	81052	1318	3253	17678	1903	117856	250	471
1899-1900	915	3636	2316	867	3445	73526	1130	3237	14665	1368	105105	247	425
1900-1901	884	3908	2026	896	4085	77730	1386	3879	15755	1588	112137	251	446
1901-1902	818	3843	2175	842	4359	74220	1447	3901	17633	1621	110859	244	454
Lending Lib- rary Totals	5280	21957	12534	4533	21837	408143	6972	18187	89695	9789	598927	1305	459

## REFERENCE LIBRARY.

1897-1902	470	1394	1159	509	2801	...	1229	2926	...	2	10490	1365	7
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## Summary of issues at COLLEGE PARK LIBRARY, April, 1899, to March, 1902.

1899-1900	2	16	20	2	61	971	2	21	515	45	1655	146	11
1900-1901	9	87	41	3	38	1847	10	15	492	27	2569	151	17
1901-1902	22	48	13	4	20	1690	9	24	312	17	2159	145	14
Lending Lib- rary Totals	33	151	74	9	119	4508	21	60	1319	89	6383	442	14



# DONATIONS TO THE RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY.

	VOLS.	PHTS.
Army League and Imperial Defence Association	1	...
Board of Trade (Labour Department) ...	2	...
Brandon, Mrs. ...	6	...
Brewster, M. Augusta ...	1	...
British Columbia, The Agent-General for ...	3	...
British Museum, The Trustees of ...	5	...
Caird, Mrs. Mona ...	1	...
Caledonian Railway Company ...	1	...
Canada, The Agent-General for ...	...	8
„ The Minister of Agriculture of ...	1	...
„ The Geological Survey of ...	2	...
Church Emigration Society ...	...	2
City and Guilds of London Institute ...	...	1
Cobden-Sanderson, Mr. T. J. ...	2	...
Coombe, Mrs. ...	4	...
Co-operative Union, Limited ...	1	...
Courtenay, Bishop ...	1	...
Crisp, Mr. F. A. ...	1	...
Derry, Mr. E. ...	1	...
East End Emigration Fund ...	...	5
Gale and Polden, Messrs. ...	1	...
Gibbs, The Misses M. & E. ...	1	...
Glasgow International Exhibition, 1901 ...	3	...
Gowing, Mrs. E. A.... ...	1	...
Great Eastern Railway Co. ...	2	...
Hammersmith Borough Council ...	1	...
Hobhouse, Miss ...	...	2
Humble, Mrs. F. ...	4	...
Imperial South African Association ...	...	3
John Ryland's Library, Trustees of ...	3	...
Langtoft, Mr. G. ...	...	1
Lega-Weekes, Mrs. E. ...	...	1
London County Council ...	8	2
Manchester Cotton Association, Ltd. ...	1	...
Minet, Mr. ...	...	1
Mond, Mrs. F. ...	3	...
National Association for the Promotion of Technical and Secondary Education ...	...	1
New South Wales, Agent-General for ...	2	...
New Zealand, The Agent-General for ...	2	...
Nisbet & Co., Messrs. J. ...	1	...
Ontario Government Agency ...	...	4
Peace Union, The ...	1	...
Richmond, Councillor Sir W. B., K.C.B., R.A. ...	1	4
Rutter, Mr. H. F. ...	48	...
Southwell & Co., Messrs. F. C. ...	1	...
Stationery Office, H.M. ...	8	...
Ward, Mr. James ...	1	...
West London Hospital ...	...	2
Wilks, Mr. L. ...	5	...



Reports have been received from the undermentioned Libraries :—

Aberdeen, Aston Manor, Barrow-in-Furness, Battersea, Belfast, Birmingham, Bishopsgate Institute, Blackburn, Bootle, Bradford, Brentford, Buxton, Camberwell, Cambridge, Cardiff, Cheltenham, Chiswick, Chelsea, Christ Church Southwark, Colchester, Croydon, Derby, Dundee, Ealing, Eastbourne, Falmouth, Finsbury, Folkestone, Fulham, Gillstrap (Newark-on-Trent), Gloucester, Gosport, Harlesden, Hartlepool, Holborn, Hornsey, Hove, Kensal Rise, Kettering, Kilburn, Kimberley (South Africa) Kingston-upon-Thames, Leamington Spa, Leeds, Leicester, Leyton Limehouse, Lincoln, Longton, Loughborough, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Norwich, Penge, Poplar, Portsmouth, Preston, Redruth, Richmond, Rochdale, Runcorn, St. Bride Foundation Institute, St. George-in-the-East, St. George Hanover Square, St. Giles, St. Helens, St. Saviour's Southwark, Salford, Shoreditch, Southampton, Stafford, Stepney, Stirling's and Glasgow, Stoke Newington, Streatham, Tottenham, Twickenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Watford, West Bromwich, West Ham, Westminster, Whitechapel, Wigan, Willesden, Wimbledon, Yarmouth (Great), York.

#### MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS.

Atwood, Rev. F. J.—A model of old St. Paul's Church, Hammersmith.

Blackpool, Corporation of.—*The Blackpool Times*.

C.I.V. (Hammersmith Commission) Executive Council, Certificate and Roll of Honour, (a copy of that presented to each C.I.V. of Hammersmith).

Edwards, Councillor F. A., F.R.G.S.—*The Herald of Peace*.

Frost, Mr. W. D.—*The Good Templars' Watchword*.

Gaze and Sons, Messrs.—*Gaze's Gazette and General Globe Guide*.

Hetherington, Miss.—*The Review of Reviews*.

Macbeth, Mr. D.—Portrait of Sir C. Dilke, Bart., M.P.

—Portrait of Mr. W. F. B. Firth.

Northern Heights Footpath Association.—Map of public footpaths in North and North-West London.

Smith, Mr. W. J.—Photograph of the Mace presented by him to the Borough of Hammersmith

Stephens and Mackintosh, Ltd., Messrs.—Eight business street maps of Hammersmith.

Walker, Mr. Emery.—Four portraits of William Morris.

Wallace, Mr. —*The Herald of Health*.

# DONATIONS TO THE PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY SHEPHERDS BUSH.

	VOIS.	PHTS.
Army League and Imperial Defence Association	1	...
Church Emigration Society ... ..		2
Cobden-Sanderson, Mr. T. J. ... ..	2	...
Coombe, Mrs. L. B. ... ..	1	...
Dancer, Miss ... ..	4	...
Ebbs, Mr. A. ... ..	3	...
Emigrants' Information Office ... ..	1	...
Great Eastern Railway Company ... ..	2	...
Great Western Railway Company ... ..	1	...
Imperial Protestant Federation ... ..		2
Jones, Mr. William ... ..	1	...
Lee, Mr. Barnard ... ..	12	...
Lega-Weekes, Mrs. E. ... ..		1
London County Council ... ..	4	...
Macdonald, Messrs. William & Co., Ltd. ... ..	2	...
New South Wales, Agent-General for ... ..	1	...
New Zealand, Agent-General for ... ..		1
Society of Accountants and Auditors ... ..	1	...
Truscott, Mr. P. H. ... ..	1	...
Tucker, Miss ... ..	228	...
Williams, Mr. C. W. A. ... ..	1	...

## MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS.

Baxter, Mr. D.—*The Catholic Fireside*, weekly.

Edwards, Councillor F. A., F.R.G.S., *The London Technical Education Gazette*, monthly.

The Publishers, *Peck's Circular (Trades Directory)* 1901.

Walker, Mr. F. *The Journal of the Clerks of Works Association* monthly.

S. MARTIN,

*Chief Librarian.*

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# Annual Report

OF THE

# CHIEF LIBRARIAN,

*For the year ended 31st March, 1903.*

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# LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

1902-1903.

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## OFFICERS.

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Librarian in charge, Passmore

Sub-Librarian Central

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W. MORGAN.

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R. KELLY.

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E. G. MORSE.

Superintendent at the Reading Room, Brook Green Road.

C. JUSTICE.

Porters.

W. P. GODDARD.

W. CUTCHE.



*To the Libraries' Committee of the Hammersmith  
Borough Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year ended 31st March, 1903.

1. STATISTICS.

(a) *Ravenscourt Park Library.*

In the Lending Department 516 volumes were added, of these 487 were purchased and 29 were presented; 251 volumes withdrawn were replaced with new copies. The number of volumes is now 12,739. The issue reached 82,302, being 5,545 more than in the previous year; daily average 333. The Reference Department has received an additional 496 volumes, 321 having been purchased and 175 being presented. This stock now numbers 5,019 volumes; and the total in both departments is 17,758.

During the year the staff has repaired 2,239 volumes, and more than 2,000 volumes purchased for the proposed new Central Library have been prepared and catalogued.

(b) *Passmore Edwards Library.*

The Lending Department has received an additional 451 volumes, of these 440 were purchased and 11 were presented; 330 volumes withdrawn have been replaced with new copies. The number of volumes is 11,101, and the issue reached 110,417, a daily average of 447. One hundred and one volumes have been added to the Reference Department, 88 having been purchased and 21 being presented. The number of volumes for reference is 558. The staff has repaired 3,005 volumes.

The first catalogue of this Library having long been out of print, a new edition has been prepared, which includes all additions since 1896, and it is hoped that before this report is printed, copies will be on sale.

(c) *College Park Library.*

The stock numbers 599 volumes, and 1,965 were issued, including those changed at the Passmore Edwards Library.

The total number of volumes in all the Libraries is 30,016 the total issue was 199,901, excluding books of reference on open shelves.



## 2: NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Ever since the adoption of the Public Libraries Acts in 188 the want of a Library near the Broadway has been felt, and each successive Library Committee has been keenly alive to this fact, but circumstances have hitherto prevented the idea from being carried out. Last year the first step was made to remedy this defect by the opening of the Temporary Reading Room, Brook Green Road, and it was anticipated that in about five or six years sufficient funds would be available for the erection of a suitable building. But thanks to the munificence of Mr. Andrew Carnegie this undesirable waiting will be avoided.

Attention having been directed to Mr. Carnegie's offer to consider applications for the erection of Libraries on the basis of a site being provided, and maintenance guaranteed, Mr. Carnegie was communicated with, and invited to assist in providing a Central Library, with the result that the Chief Librarian received from his Private Secretary the following letter:—

“SKIBO CASTLE,

“ARDGAY, N.B.

“DEAR SIR,

“Yours of the 30th received. Mr. Carnegie understands that the Free Libraries Act is operative over the whole of the Borough, and that if a site be provided, the cost not being a burden on the proceeds of the penny rate. Mr. Carnegie will be glad to furnish the £10,000 estimate as needed to erect a Central Free Library building for Hammersmith.

“Respectfully yours,

“July 11th, 1902,

“(Signed) JAS. BERTRAM

This offer was gratefully accepted, and the Borough Council having provided a site in Brook Green Road, steps are being taken for the erection of the building, and it is hoped that before the next report is issued Hammersmith will be in possession of a Central Library that will do credit to the Borough.

## 3. FREE LECTURES.

The third course of Free Lectures was commenced on 27 November, and the Chairman, Sir W. B. Richmond, K.C.I.R.A., in addition to giving the first lecture himself, secured the services of other eminent lecturers.

The following is a list of the lectures given, every one of which was attended by a large and appreciative audience, and in two cases the Town Hall was filled to overflowing:—

- 1902 November 27th.—Sir W. B. Richmond, K.C.B., R.A.;  
“The importance of the Study of History.”
1902. December 18th.—T. Rice Holmes, Esq., “Lucknow  
in 1857.”
1903. January 14th.—Carl Arnbruster, Esq., “The Historical  
Development of Pianoforte Music,” with musical  
illustrations.
1903. February 5th.—Philip Norman, Esq., F.S.A.;  
“Glimpses of Old London,” with limelight illustrations.
1903. March 4th.—Julian S. Corbett, Esq., LL.M., F.S.A.,  
“The Defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588.”

To the lecturers for their valuable services the Library Committee desires to record its best thanks; it also desires to thank the Borough Council for the free use of the Town Hall.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

S. MARTIN,

*Chief Librarian.*

July, 1903.

## BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH.

### *Public Libraries Memoranda.*

1887. December 7th.—The Public Libraries Acts were adopted.
1887. December 21st.—The first Commissioners were appointed.
1889. January 15th.—The first Librarian was appointed.
1889. August 12th.—The Reading Rooms at Ravenscourt Park  
were opened.
1890. March 19th.—The Public Library, Ravenscourt Park;  
was opened by Sir John Lubbock (Lord Avebury).
1891. July 18th.—The land upon which the Passmore Edwards  
Library stands was presented to the Library Commissioners by the  
Manor Jury of the Manor of Fulham, and the Ecclesiastical Com-  
missioners.
1895. March 13th.—Mr. J. Passmore Edwards intimated his  
intention to present a Library Building to Hammersmith.

1895. April 8th.—The ratepayers voted the maximum Library Rate of One Penny in the £.

1895. July 4th.—The foundation stone of the Library was laid by Mr. J. Passmore Edwards.

1896. June 25th.—The Passmore Edwards Library was opened by the Rt. Hon. Lord Rosebery.

1896. September 29th.—The powers and duties of the Library Commissioners were taken over by the late Vestry.

1896. December 16th.—Mr. J. Passmore Edwards unveiled the bronze medallion portrait of Charles Keene, presented to the Shepherd's Bush Library by the Keene Memorial Committee.

1897. October 28th.—Mr. A. G. Fletcher, unveiled the bronze medallion portrait of Leigh Hunt, presented to the Shepherd's Bush Library by Mr. J. Passmore Edwards.

1899. April 22nd.—The Rev. Prebendary Snowden, M.A. Chairman of the late Vestry, opened the Reading Room and Delivery Station at Letchford Gardens, College Park.

1902. January 1st.—The Temporary Reading Room, Brook Green Road, was opened by Councillor T. G. Hodgson, Vice-Chairman of the Libraries Committee.

*Particulars of the hours of opening and closing the Borough Libraries.*

Public Libraries : Ravenscourt Park and Passmore Edwards Library, Uxbridge Road.

Reading Rooms : Brook Green Road and Letchford Gardens, College Park.

The Reading Rooms are open every week-day from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., except on Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Bank Holidays. The College Park Reading Room is, however, closed on Wednesdays from 12 noon to 6 p.m. The Passmore Edwards Library and the Brook Green Road Reading Room are open on Sundays from 3 till 9 p.m. The other Libraries are closed on Sundays.

The Lending Libraries are open from 10.30 a.m. till 9 p.m., except Wednesdays and Sundays, when they remain closed.

Books are issued at the Lending Department, College Park, on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, from 6 to 9 p.m. Lists and books to be changed at Shepherd's Bush, are received on the days and hours above mentioned, but are exchanged on Saturdays only.

## LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING AND REFERENCE.

## RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY.

CLASS.	No. of volumes in Lending Library, March, 1902.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total reductions.	Stock reduced as per column 5.	No of volumes replaced.	No. of new books added to Library.	Stock, 31st March, 1903.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c....	637	—	—	—	—	637	—	20	657
B. History and Biography ...	1779	1	1	1	3	1776	1	133	1910
C. Voyages, Travels, &c. ...	833	1	—	2	3	830	3	63	896
D. Law, Politics, &c. ...	320	—	1	—	1	319	1	26	346
E. Arts and Sciences ...	1282	1	—	3	4	1278	3	37	1318
F. Fiction ...	3570	9	1	167	177	3393	196	96	3685
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics	587	—	—	—	—	587	—	20	607
H. Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines...	1592	—	—	5	5	1587	5	43	1635
J. Juvenile Literature...	1273	—	1	36	37	1236	42	28	1306
K. Music ...	329	—	—	—	—	329	—	50	379
Lending Library Totals	12202	12	4	214	230	11972	251	516	12739
R. L. Reference Library ...	4523	—	—	—	—	4523	—	496	5019
Combined Totals	16725	12	4	214	230	16495	251	1012	17758
Pamphlets ...	201	—	—	—	—	—	—	40	241

TABLE II.

LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING, REFERENCE AND BOYS' ROOM.

## PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERD'S BUSH.

Class.	No of volumes in Lending Library, 31 Mar., 1902.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out, etc.	Total.	Stock reduced as per column 5.	No. of volumes replaced.	No. of new books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1903.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c.	549	—	—	—	—	549	—	21	570
B. History and Biography ...	1629	2	—	1	3	1626	1	95	1722
C. Voyages, Travels, &c. ...	670	1	—	3	4	666	1	32	699
D. Law, Politics, &c. ...	241	—	—	3	3	238	2	35	275
E. Arts and Sciences ...	1241	—	1	6	7	1234	—	44	1278
F. Fiction ...	3495	10	1	290	301	3194	251	81	3526
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics	545	1	—	1	2	543	1	22	566
H. Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines ...	805	1	—	17	18	787	1	47	835
J. Juvenile Literature ...	1268	4	—	73	77	1191	71	46	1308
K. Music ...	295	—	—	3	3	292	2	28	322
Lending Library Totals	10738	19	2	397	418	10320	330	451	11101
R.L. Reference Library ...	450	—	—	1	1	449	—	109	558
B.L. Boys' Library ...	197	—	11	—	11	186	—	—	186
Combined Totals ...	11385	19	13	398	430	10955	330	560	11845
Pamphlets ...	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	55	82



# RAVENS COURT PARK LIBRARY.

	A. Theology, &c.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, &c.	E. Arts, Sciences, Natural History, &c.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Literature, &c.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes Issued.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
Lending Library	813	3594	1979	829	3017	53415	1104	4252	11572	1727	82302	247	333
*Reference Library	124	566	367	100	915	—	484	600	—	—	3156	302	10
Total	937	4160	2346	929	3932	53415	1588	4852	11572	1727	85458	—	343

# PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERD'S BUSH.

Lending Library	893	4071	2325	957	4283	72102	1256	3664	19006	1860	110417	247	447
*Reference Library	105	354	303	127	680	—	181	311	—	—	2061	308	6
Total	998	4425	2628	1084	4963	72102	1437	3975	19006	1860	112478	—	453

# COLLEGE PARK LIBRARY.

Lending Library	11	22	23	1	30	1364	22	131	357	4	1965	151	13
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# COMBINED TOTALS FOR 1902-1903.

1916	8607	4997	2014	8925	126881	3047	6958	30935	3591	199901	—	809
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\*Exclusive of Books on open shelves.

TABLE IV.

New Borrowers and the districts in which they reside.

Name of District.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	
College Park	—	—	66	
Wormholt ...	5	427	—	
Latymer ...	1	35	—	
St. Stephen's	96	414	—	
Starch Green	212	85	—	
Ravenscourt	368	8	—	
The Grove ...	174	147	—	
Brook Green	85	224	—	
St. Matthew's	40	364	—	
St. Paul's ...	59	16	—	
St. Peter's ...	62	1	—	
TOTALS ...	1102	1721	66	2889
Male Borrowers 1511. Female Borrowers 1378.				
“Students' Tickets” were issued as under :—				
Ravenscourt Park	...	...	107	
Shepherds Bush	...	...	261	368
Grand Total of New Tickets	...	...	...	3257



## TABLE V.

SUMMARY 1902-1903.

	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.
Lending Library---			
Volumes presented ... ..	29	11	2
Volumes purchased ... ..	487	440	6
Volumes replaced ... ..	251	330	—
Number of volumes in stock ...	12739	11101	599
Number of issues ... ..	82302	110417	1965
Average daily issues ... ..	333	447	13
Reference Library—			
Volumes presented ... ..	175	21	—
Volumes purchased ... ..	321	88	—
Number of volumes in stock ..	5019	558	—
Number of issues ... ..	3156	2061	—
Average daily issues ... ..	10	6	—
Boys' Room—			
Number of volumes in stock ...	—	186	—
Average daily attendance ...	—	41	—
New borrowers' tickets issued ...	1102	1721	66
New "Students' Tickets " ... ..	107	261	—
Tickets renewed ... ..	1389	2065	23
Tickets cancelled ... ..	158	176	2
Number of tickets in force ... ..	2440	4071	87
Volumes re-bound ... ..	888	951	3
Volumes repaired by Staff ... ..	2239	3005	—
Total issue in Reference and Lending departments ... ..	85458	112478	1965
Grand total . ... ..	199901		
Total issue since the Libraries were opened—			
Ravenscourt Park ; books first issued, March, 1890 ... ..	1661499	—	—
Passmore Edwards Library, Shepherds Bush ; December, 1896 ... ..	—	721895	—
College Park ; April, 1899 ... ..	—	—	8348
Grand total... ..	2391742		

GENERAL DATA.			
Population as per census, 1901 ... ..	...	...	112,233
Rateable value ... ..	...	...	£715,043
Amount of Rate levied ... ..	...	...	1d. in the £
Amount produced by Rate ... ..	...	...	£2,807 17 6

## TABLE VI.

SUMMARY OF ISSUES AT RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY, MARCH, 1890, TO MARCH, 1903.

Year.	A. Theology, Philosophy, etc.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, etc.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, etc.	E. Art, Science, Natural History, etc.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Literature, etc.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes Issued.	Number of Days Open.	Daily Average.
1890—1	2627	10994	7040	679	9060	112754	2411	7696	25980	3200	182441	247	738
1891—2	2333	9164	6041	692	7923	124284	1987	7528	30304	2476	192732	245	786
1892—3	1931	7431	4885	670	7524	121894	1978	8201	27788	1886	184188	240	767
1893—4	1958	7088	5220	679	8027	125827	1725	9469	28350	1871	190214	239	796
1894—5	2037	6751	5018	679	7630	128510	1710	10022	27940	2207	192504	247	779
1895—6	1639	6837	4457	811	6653	117594	1500	9023	23609	2822	174945	246	711
*1896—7	987	3597	2448	418	3673	76676	887	5242	15773	1343	111044	241	460
1897—8	422	2506	1452	260	1781	53664	604	2979	8763	789	73220	246	297
1898—9	475	2555	1553	272	1836	46667	632	2944	7262	881	65077	242	269
1899—1900	528	2403	1535	422	2026	44922	676	2716	6608	1173	63009	242	260
1900—1	844	3074	1890	611	2384	49707	1143	3926	7447	1540	73066	251	291
1901—2	1192	3831	1728	803	3095	50646	1360	4481	7932	1689	76757	246	312
1902—3	813	3594	1979	829	3017	53415	1104	4252	11572	1727	82302	247	333
Lending Library Totals	17786	69825	45246	7825	65129	1106560	17717	78479	229328	23604	1661499	3179	522

SUMMARY OF ISSUES IN REFERENCE LIBRARY, MARCH, 1890, TO MARCH, 1903.

1890—1903	1638	5903	4495	1129	11280	—	4432	9964	—	—	38841	3292	11
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TABLE VII.

SUMMARY OF ISSUES AT PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, DECEMBER 1896, TO MARCH, 1903.

Year.	A. Theology, Philosophy, etc.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, etc.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, etc.	E. Arts, Sciences, Natural History, etc.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Literature, etc.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes issued.	Number of Days open.	Daily average.
1896-7	301	1310	750	194	1573	17646	351	610	4458	819	28012	67	418
1897-8	1166	4945	2793	859	4583	83969	1340	3307	19506	2490	124958	246	507
1898-9	1196	4315	2474	875	3792	81052	1318	3253	17678	1903	117856	250	471
1899-1900	915	3636	2316	867	3445	73526	1130	3237	14665	1368	105105	247	425
1900-1	884	3908	2026	896	4085	77730	1386	3379	15755	1588	112137	251	446
1901-2	818	3543	2175	842	4359	74220	1447	3901	17633	1621	110859	214	454
1902-3	893	4071	2325	957	4283	72102	1256	3664	19006	1860	110417	247	447
Lending Lib- rary Totals.	6173	26028	14859	5490	26120	480245	8228	21851	108701	11649	709344	1552	457

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## REFERENCE LIBRARY.

1897-1903	575	1748	1462	636	3481	—	1410	3237	—	2	12551	1673	7
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## SUMMARY OF ISSUES AT COLLEGE PARK LIBRARY, APRIL, 1899, TO MARCH, 1903.

1899-1900	2	16	20	2	61	971	2	21	515	45	1655	146	11
1900-1	9	87	41	3	38	1847	10	15	492	27	2569	151	17
1901-2	22	48	13	4	20	1690	9	24	312	17	2159	145	14
1902-3	11	22	23	1	30	1364	22	131	357	4	1965	151	13
Lending Lib- rary Totals	44	173	97	10	149	5872	43	191	1676	93	8348	593	14

## DONATIONS TO THE RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY:

	VOLS.	PHTS.
Benson, Messrs. J. W. ....	4	..
Board of Trade, Labour Department ....	1	..
Boulger, Mr. D. C. ....	1	..
British Columbia, The Agent-General for ....	2	..
British Museum, Trustees of ....	16	..
Brown, Mr. G. ....	1	..
Canada, The Geological Survey of ....	1	..
„ The High Commissioner for ....	..	2
„ The Minister of Agriculture of ....	1	.. 1
Cheadle, Mr. Robert ....	..	8
City of London Corporation ....	1	..
„ „ „ per Library Committee ..	4	..
Cobden-Sanderson, Mr. T. J. ....	..	2
E. P. B., per the Publisher ....	1	..
East End Emigration Fund, per the Secretary ....	5	..
Edwards, J. Passmore, Esq. ....	1	..
Finn, Miss ....	1	..
Glasgow Corporation Public Libraries ....	1	.. 1
Hammersmith and Fulham Nursing Association ....	..	2
Hammersmith Borough Council ....	3	..
Hervey, Mr. W. M. ....	182	.. 9
Hetherington, Miss ....	4	..
H.M. Stationery Office ....	66	..
India, The Secretary of State for ....	1	..
Isle of Man, Advertising Board ....	3	..
Kelly, Mr. W. P. ....	1	..
Kendal, The Borough Librarian of ....	1	..
Kensington Borough Council ....	..	1
Layton, Messrs. C. & E. ....	2	..
London & South-Western Railway Company ....	6	..
London County Council ....	1	..
Macdonald & Co., Ltd., Messrs. W. ....	2	..
Margate Chamber of Commerce ....	..	2
Mills, Mr. W. ....	18	..
Ogden, Mr. H. J. ....	6	..
Ontario Government Agency ....	1	..
Parnell, Mr. J. ....	1	..
Patterson, Mr. J. ....	1	..
Portsmouth Library Committee ....	..	1
Queen's College, Principal of ....	1	..
Sayers, Miss ....	2	..
Smith, Mr. Philip ....	1	..
South-Eastern and Chatham Railway ....	1	..
Spottiswoode & Co., Ltd., Messrs. ....	1	..

	VOLS.	PHTS.
Stubbs' Directory Company .....	2	..
Thom & Co., Messrs: .....	1	..
Thompson & Co., Messrs. W. P. ....	1	..
University Tutorial Press, per the Editor.....	1	..
Umlin, Mr. R. D., per Publisher .....	1	..
Warner, Mr. ....	1	..
West London Hospital .....	..	3
Whitehead, Mrs., per Publisher .....	1	..
Yapp, Miss .....	20	..

#### DONATIONS TO THE PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERD'S BUSH.

	VOLS.	PHTS.
Davis, Mrs. Helen .....	3	..
Forbes, Mr. U. A: .....	7	.. 1
Great Western Railway Company .....	3	..
Hickman, Mrs. ....	2	..
Layton, Messrs. C. & E. ....	1	..
Lega-Weekes, Miss Ethel .....	..	1
London County Council .....	3	..
Macdonald & Co., Messrs. William .....	2	..
Pinhorn, Mr. A. ....	1	..
School Board for London .....	4	..
Society of Accountants and Auditors .....	1	..
South-Eastern Railway Company .....	1	..
Spottiswoode & Co., Messrs: .....	1	..
Stubbs' Publishing Company .....	1	..
Sturton, Mr. S. ....	9	..
Umlin, Mr. R. Denney .....	1	..
Woolard, Miss .....	1	..

#### MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS:

Baxter, Mr. Dudley.—*The Catholic Times*.  
Bradshaw, Mr. E.—*The White Ribbon*.  
Dewsnap, Miss.—Two framed views of St. Stephen's Church, Interior and Exterior. One framed view of St. John's Church.  
Edwards, Councillor F. A., F.R.G.S.—*The Herald of Peace*.  
Friend, Mr. H. B.—Drawing of a house by the river; Norton House; the house of T. Walford; Theresa Terrace, Hammersmith; Plan of St. Peter's Church.  
Frost, Mr. W. D.—*The Good Templar's Watchword*.  
Gaze and Sons, Messrs.—*Gaze's Gazette and General Globe Guide*.  
Hetherington, Miss.—*Review of Reviews*.  
Meadows, Miss S.—*Hearts of Oak Gazette*.  
The Publishers, *Middlesex County Times*.  
Wallace, Mr.—*The Herald of Health*.

S. MARTIN,  
Chief Librarian.



PUBLIC LIBRARY  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

## EXPENDITURE.

	Central,	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherds Bush.	College Park.	Brook Green.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d. *6 2 4	£ s. d. 54 7 4	£ s. d. 34 4 7	£ s. d. 7 3 2	£ s. d. 9 9 4	£ s. 111 6
Buildings, Repairs and Maintenance						
Brook Green Road Reading Room, District Sur- veyor's Fees	...	...	...	...	6 17 6	6 17
Lighting, Heating & Water Supply	...	106 2 2	110 6 7	23 4 4	45 7 4	285 0
Salaries and Wages	...	448 10 10	461 14 0	98 0 0	173 12 0	1181 16
Books (New) ...	286 13 8	227 14 5	128 8 9	1 9 8	5 11 1	649 17
„ (Replacements)	...	23 17 1	27 7 10	...	...	51 4
Bookbinding ...	7 1 9	59 13 11	65 9 6	...	...	132 5
Newspapers ...	...	83 3 1	84 10 6	32 2 2	69 9 9	269 5
Rent, Taxes and Insurance	...	20 3 4	0 10 0	...	...	20 13
Printing and Stationery	8 6 0	25 12 4	18 18 8	...	0 5 4	53 2
Petty Cash and Postage	...	32 3 6	11 4 7	4 16 6	3 18 7	52 3
Loan and Interest thereon	...	...	169 2 11	...	...	169 2
Legal Costs ...	...	2 2 0	...	...	...	2 2
	308 3 9	1083 10 0	1111 17 11	166 15 10	314 10 11	2984 18

Balance at 31st March, 1903 ... .. 526 12 1

* Holders ... ..	£4 1 0	£3511 11
Frames ... ..	0 6 4	
Lithographing Plans	1 15 0	
	£6 2 4	

## ACCOUNT.

Year ending 31st March, 1903.

## INCOME.

	Rate.	Central.	Ravens- court Park	Shepherds Bush.	College Park.	Brook Green.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Rate ... ..	2807 17 6	...	...	..	...	...	2807 17 6
Fines ... ..	...	...	53 15 0	72 0 4	0 9 2	...	126 4 6
Sale of Catalogues	...	...	8 10 3	...	...	0 3 0	8 13 3
Reserved Books ...	...	...	2 3 8	3 12 3	...	...	5 15 11
Sale of Wastepaper	..	...	6 15 1	9 15 6	0 4 8	8 19 2	25 14 5
Lost Books ...	..	...	1 15 11	2 12 3	0 1 6	...	4 9 8
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	4 19 8	0 4 7	...	0 7 2	5 11 5
	2807 17 6	...	77 19 7	88 4 11	0 15 4	9 9 4	2984 6 8

Balance brought forward at 31st March, 1902 ... 527 4 7

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A. G. KEEN,  
*Borough Accountant.*





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# Annual Report

OF THE

CHIEF LIBRARIAN

For the Year ended 31st March, 1904.

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*To the Libraries Committee of the Borough of  
Hammersmith.*

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting the report for the year ended 31st March, 1904, I have pleasure in stating that the work has made steady progress ; there is again an increase in the number of volumes issued, the total in all departments being 204,149, which is an advance of 4,248 over last year, and is exclusive of a large number of books used from the open shelves of which no account is taken.

While the issue of the various classes is much the same at Ravenscourt Park Library there is a satisfactory improvement in the issue of general literature at Shepherds Bush Library.

The increase of the issue at College Park from 1,965 to 3,270 volumes is very encouraging, and although it is chiefly light literature that is read, it is a sign that the Library is receiving more attention from the inhabitants of the district than has been the case hitherto.

During the year 325 volumes have been added to the Lending Department at Ravenscourt Park, and 503 to the Reference Department ; 383 were withdrawn worn out, and 239 duplicate volumes of fiction have been transferred to College Park Library, so that notwithstanding these additions the stock in the Lending Department is 58 volumes less than last year. The total number in both departments is 18,203, and 261 pamphlets.

In the Passmore Edwards Library 429 volumes have been added to the Lending Department, and 64 to the Reference Department ; 495 were withdrawn of

which only a small number has been replaced. The number in all departments is, Lending Library 11,120, Reference Library 621, Boys' Room 178; total 11,919.

The stock at College Park Library has been increased from 604 to 843 volumes.

The number of new borrowers to whom tickets have been issued is, Ravenscourt Park, 1,177 ordinary; 91 Students; Shepherds Bush, 1,735 ordinary; 298 Students; College Park, 74; total 3,375. The approximate number now in force is 6,549.

The staff has repaired 2,130 volumes at Ravenscourt Park, 3,098 at Shepherds Bush, total 5,228: 1,407 volumes have been rebound, 739 from Ravenscourt Park, 665 from Shepherds Bush, and 3 from College Park.

A new supplementary catalogue of the Ravenscourt Park Library has been prepared and will shortly be in the hands of the public; 3,800 volumes were purchased, entered, catalogued and prepared for the new Carnegie Library, the stock for which already numbers 5,700 volumes.

## FREE LECTURES

The fourth course of Free Lectures was, by kind permission of the Borough Council, given in the Town Hall during the winter months. These lectures were largely attended.

The following is the list :—

1903, November 11th—Rev. J. Robbins, D.D., "Across Canada in 1903."

December 11th—C. J. Cornish, Esq., M.A., F.Z.S., "Domestic Animals of the Empire."

1904, January 12th—Warwick H. Draper, Esq., M.A., “The City of Athens.”

February 3rd—F. W. Gill, Esq., “Seven Hundred Miles up the Nile.”

March 11th—G. H. Head, Esq., B.A., “The Romance of Modern Journalism.”

To the lecturers the Library Committee desires to record its best thanks for their valuable services.

The site of the Temporary Reading Room, Brook Green Road, being required for the erection of the Carnegie Library, an agreement was entered into with the Trustees of the Broadway Chapel, to rent the Lecture Hall until the new building was ready for occupation. Possession was taken in January and although space for the display of newspapers is rather limited, the room is visited by a large number of readers.

Your obedient servant,

S. MARTIN,

*Chief Librarian.*

TABLE I.

LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING AND REFERENCE.

RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY.									
CLASS.	No. of volumes in Lending Library, March, 1903.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total reductions.	Stock reduced as per Column 5.	No. of volumes replaced.	No. of new books added to Library.	Stock, 31st March, 1904.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c. ...	657	—	—	—	—	657	—	15	672
B. History and Biography ...	1910	—	2	—	2	1908	1	56	1965
C. Voyages, Travels, &c. ...	896	—	—	1	1	895	—	30	925
D. Law, Politics, &c. ...	346	—	—	—	—	346	—	24	370
E. Arts and Sciences ...	1318	1	—	4	5	1313	5	30	1348
F. Fiction ...	3685	8	9	343	360	3325	17	89	3431
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics ...	607	—	—	—	—	607	—	18	625
H. Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines ...	1335	1	—	11	12	1323	—	25	1348
J. Juvenile Literature ...	1306	2	1	24	27	1279	2	25	1306
K. Music ...	379	—	1	—	1	378	—	13	391
Lending Library Totals...	12739	12	13	383	408	12331	25	325	12681
R.L. Reference Library ...	5019	—	—	—	—	5019	—	503	5522
Combined Totals	17758	12	13	383	408	17350	25	828	18203
Pamphlets ...	241	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	261



## PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERDS BUSH.

CLASS.	No. of volumes in Lending Library, 31st March, 1903.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total.	Stock reduced as per column 5.	No. of volumes replaced.	No. of new books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1904.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c. ...	570	—	—	—	—	570	—	20	590
B. History and Biography ...	1722	—	—	—	—	1722	1	61	1784
C. Voyages, Travels, &c. ...	699	—	—	—	—	699	—	28	727
D. Law, Politics, &c. ...	275	—	—	—	—	275	—	26	301
E. Arts and Sciences ...	1278	2	—	—	2	1276	1	50	1327
F. Fiction ...	3526	9	8	366	383	3143	87	146	3376
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics ...	566	—	—	—	—	566	—	11	577
H. Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines ...	835	—	1	13	14	821	—	36	857
J. Juvenile Literature ...	1308	1	—	116	117	1191	17	40	1248
K. Music ...	322	—	—	—	—	322	—	11	333
Lending Library Totals...	11101	12	9	495	516	10585	106	429	11120
R.L. Reference Library ...	558	—	2	—	2	556	1	64	621
B.L. Boys' Library ...	186	—	5	3	8	178	—	—	178
Combined Totals ...	11845	12	16	498	526	11319	107	493	11919
Pamphlets ...	82	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	93

TABLE III.

Volumes issued from the Libraries, 1903-1904.

	A. Theology, Philosophy, &c.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, &c.	E. Art, Science, Natural History, &c.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Classics, Literature, &c.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes Issued.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY.													
Lending Library	857	2755	2069	968	2734	56837	1217	3880	11703	1825	84845	247	343
Reference Library	203	554	534	170	1007	—	634	741	—	—	3843	307	12
Total	1060	3309	2603	1138	3741	56837	1851	4621	11703	1825	88688	—	355
PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERDS BUSH.													
Lending Library	1096	4192	2440	1033	4552	70731	1561	4293	17370	2650	109918	248	443
Reference Library	111	372	303	106	780	—	237	364	—	—	2273	307	7
Total	1207	4564	2743	1139	5332	70731	1798	4657	17370	2650	112191	—	450
COLLEGE PARK LIBRARY.													
Lending Library	23	18	30	4	40	1905	14	599	637	—	3270	283	11
COMBINED TOTALS, 1903-1904.													

TABLE IV.

New Borrowers and the Districts in which they reside.

Name of District.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherds Bush.	College Park.	
College Park ...	2	...	74	
Wormholt ...	6	445	...	
Latymer ...	...	42	...	
St. Stephen's ...	92	386	...	
Starch Green ...	220	75	...	
Ravenscourt ...	369	23	...	
The Grove ...	153	135	...	
Brook Green ...	96	255	...	
St. Matthew's ...	33	356	...	
St. Paul's ...	94	14	...	
St. Peter's ...	112	4	...	
TOTALS ...	1177	1735	74	2986
Male Borrowers 1578. Female Borrowers 1408.				
"Students' Tickets" were issued as under:—				
Ravenscourt Park ...	...	91		
Shepherds Bush ...	...	298		
				389
Grand Total of New Tickets ...	...	...	...	3375

## TABLE V.

SUMMARY 1903-1904.

	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherds Bush.	College Park.
Lending Library—			
Volumes presented ... ..	26	26	239
Volumes purchased ... ..	185	403	5
Volumes replaced ... ..	25	106	—
Number of volumes in stock...	12681	11120	843
Number of issues ... ..	84845	109918	3270
Average daily issues ... ..	343	443	11
Reference Library—			
Volumes presented ... ..	220	38	
Volumes purchased ... ..	283	28	
Number of volumes in stock...	5522	621	
Number of issues ... ..	3843	2273	
Average daily issues ... ..	12	7	
Boys' Room—			
Number of volumes in stock...		178	
Average daily attendance ...		44	
New borrowers' tickets issued ...	1177	1735	74
New "Students' Tickets" ... ..	91	298	—
Tickets renewed ... ..	1700	2153	30
Tickets cancelled ... ..	453	165	
Number of tickets in force ... ..	2424	4021	104
Volumes re-bound ... ..	739	665	3
Volumes repaired by Staff ... ..	2130	3098	
Total issue in Reference and Lending departments ... ..	88688	112191	3270
Grand total ... ..		204149	
Total issue since the Libraries were opened—			
Ravenscourt Park, books first issued March, 1890 ... ..	1789028		
Passmore Edwards Library, Shep- herds Bush, December, 1896 ...		834086	
College Park, April, 1899 ... ..			11618
Grand total ... ..		2634732	
GENERAL DATA.			
Population as per census, 1901 ... ..			112233
Rateable value ... ..			£744483
Amount of Rate levied... ..			1d. in the £.
Amount produced by Rate ... ..			£2932 10 10

SUMMARY OF ISSUES AT RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY, MARCH, 1890, TO MARCH, 1904.

Year.	A. Theology, etc.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, etc.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, etc.	E. Art, Science, Natural History, etc.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Classics, Literature, etc.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes issued.	Number of Days Open.	Daily Average.
1890—1	2627	10994	7040	679	9060	112754	2411	7696	25980	3200	182441	247	738
1891—2	2333	9164	6041	692	7923	124284	1987	7528	30304	2476	192732	245	786
1892—3	1931	7431	4885	670	7524	121894	1978	8201	27788	1886	184188	240	767
1893—4	1958	7088	5220	679	8027	125827	1725	9469	28350	1871	190214	239	796
1894—5	2037	6751	5018	679	7630	128510	1710	10022	27940	2207	192504	247	779
1895—6	1639	6837	4457	811	6653	117594	1500	9023	23609	2822	174945	246	711
* 1896—7	987	3597	2448	418	3673	76676	887	5242	15773	1343	111044	241	460
1897—8	422	2506	1452	260	1781	53664	604	2979	8763	789	73220	246	297
1898—9	475	2555	1553	272	1836	46667	632	2944	7262	881	65077	242	269
1899—1900	528	2403	1535	422	2026	44922	676	2716	6608	1173	63009	242	260
1900—1	844	3074	1890	611	2884	49707	1143	3926	7447	1540	73066	251	291
1901—2	1192	3831	1728	803	3095	50646	1360	4481	7332	1689	76757	246	312
1902—3	813	3594	1979	829	3017	53415	1104	4252	11572	1727	82302	247	333
1903—4	857	2755	2069	968	2734	56837	1217	3880	11703	1825	84845	247	343
Lending Library Totals ..	18643	72580	47315	8793	67863	1163397	18934	82359	241031	25429	1746344	3426	509

\* In July, 1896, the time allowed for reading a book was increased from seven to fourteen days.

TABLE VI.—*continued*.  
SUMMARY OF ISSUES IN REFERENCE LIBRARY, MARCH, 1890, TO MARCH, 1904.

1890—1904	1841	6457	5029	1209	12287	...	5066	10705	...	...	42684	3599	12
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TABLE VII.  
SUMMARY OF ISSUES AT PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, DECEMBER, 1896, TO MARCH, 1904.

YEAR.	A. Theology, Philosophy, etc.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, etc.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, etc.	E. Art, Science, Natural History, etc.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Classics, Literature, etc.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes issued.	Number of Days open.	Daily Average.
1896—7	301	1310	750	194	1573	17646	351	610	4458	819	28012	67	418
1897—8	1166	4945	2793	859	4583	83969	1340	3307	19506	2490	124958	246	507
1898—9	1196	4315	2474	875	3792	81052	1318	3253	17678	1903	117556	250	471
1899—1900	915	3636	2316	967	3445	73526	1130	3237	14665	1368	105105	247	425
1900—1	884	3908	2026	896	4085	77730	1386	3879	15755	1588	112137	251	446
1901—2	818	3843	2175	842	4359	74220	1447	3901	17633	1621	110859	244	454
1902—3	893	4071	2325	957	4283	72102	1256	3664	19006	1860	110417	247	447
1903—4	1096	4192	2440	1033	4552	70731	1561	4293	17370	2650	109918	248	443
Lending Library Totals	7269	30220	17299	6523	30672	550976	9789	26144	126071	14299	819262	1800	455



TABLE VII.—*continued.*  
REFERENCE LIBRARY.

1897—1904	686	2120	1965	742	4261	...	1647	3601	...	2	14824	1980	7
SUMMARY OF ISSUES AT COLLEGE PARK LIBRARY APRIL, 1899, TO MARCH, 1904.													
1899—1900	2	16	20	2	61	971	2	21	515	45	1655	146	11
1900—1	9	87	41	3	38	1847	10	15	492	27	2569	151	17
1901—2	22	48	13	4	20	1690	9	21	312	17	2159	145	14
1902—3	11	22	23	1	30	1364	22	131	357	4	1965	151	13
1903—4	23	18	30	4	40	1905	14	599	637	...	3270	283	11
Totals	67	191	127	14	189	7777	57	790	2313	93	11618	876	13



## DONATIONS TO THE RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY.

			VOLS.	PHTS.
Accountants and Auditors, The Society of	...	...	1	...
Baker and Co., Messrs. J.	...	...	1	...
Baxter, Mr. Dudley	...	...	...	1
Beatty, Miss	...	...	2	...
Board of Trade, Labour Department	...	...	6	...
British Museum, Trustees of	...	...	9	...
Bull, W. J., Esq., M.P.	...	...	4	...
Canada, The Geological Survey of	...	...	3	...
„ The Minister of Agriculture for	...	...	1	...
Cape Colony, The Secretary of Agriculture for	...	...	1	...
Cassell and Co., Ltd., Messrs.	...	...	1	1
Choate, His Excellency Joseph D.	...	...	4	...
Churchman, Mr. A.	...	...	2	...
City and Guilds of London Institute	...	...	...	1
City of London Corporation	...	...	1	...
Defrance, Mons. P.	...	...	...	4
Edington, Mr. W.	...	...	10	...
Edwards, Mr. R. G.	...	...	1	...
<i>Engineering</i> , The Publishers of	...	...	18	...
Fryer, Dr. A. G.	...	...	1	...
Great Western Railway Company	...	...	2	...
Hammersmith Borough Council	...	...	5	...
Hardy, Mr. W. J.	...	...	...	1
Hayes, Mr. F. W.	...	...	4	...
Head, Mr. Brandon	...	...	1	...
Hetherington, Miss	...	...	4	...
Hickson, Ward and Co., Messrs.	...	...	...	1
H.M. Stationery Office	...	...	10	...
Irish Landowners' Convention	...	...	...	1
Jessett, Mr. M. G.	...	...	2	...
John Rylands Library, The Trustees of	...	...	1	...
Jones, Mr. J. M. H.	...	...	1	...
Keysell, Mrs.	...	...	4	...
London Chamber of Commerce	...	...	...	1
London County Council	...	...	11	...
Mather and Crowther, Ltd., Messrs.	...	...	1	...
National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children	...	...	...	1
Pimm, Mr. G. R.	...	...	2	...
Religious Tract Society	...	...	30	...
Reports from 54 Libraries	...	...	...	54
South Eastern and Chatham Railway Company	...	...	2	...
Stubbs Publishing Company, Ltd.	...	...	1	...

	VOLS.	PHTS.
Turnbull, Mr. A. L. ... ..	...	2
University Tutorial Press ... ..	1	...
Victoria Public Library ... ..	1	...
West London Hospital ... ..	...	2
Western Australia, The Agent-General for ... ..	1	...
Yarmouth, The Town Clerk of ... ..	...	3

### DONATIONS TO THE PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERDS BUSH.

	VOLS.	PHTS.
Andrews, Miss ... ..	5	...
Baker, Mrs. A. Bartrick ... ..	1	...
Barnett, Mr. H. T. ... ..	3	...
Dowson, Mr. W. ... ..	1	...
Great Western Railway Co. ... ..	2	...
Jessett, Mr. M. G. ... ..	1	...
Keysell, Miss ... ..	3	...
London County Council ... ..	9	...
London Directory Co. ... ..	1	...
New South Wales, Agent-General for ... ..	1	...
New Zealand, Agent-General for ... ..	...	6
Religious Tract Society ... ..	31	...
School Board for London ... ..	5	...
Society of Accountants and Auditors ... ..	1	...
Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children ... ..	...	1
South Eastern and Chatham Railway Co. ... ..	1	...
Weekes, Miss E. Lega ... ..	...	1

### MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS.

- Canada, The Geological Survey of.—Geological maps of Canada.  
 „ The Minister of the Interior of.—Five maps.
- Edwards, Councillor F. A.—*The Temperance Record, The Herald of Peace.*
- Baxter, Mr. Dudley.—*The Catholic Times.*
- Forbes, Mr. U. A.—*The Economic Journal.*
- Hammersmith Borough Council.—Minutes of Proceedings.
- Hetherington, Miss.—*The Review of Reviews.*

Higginson, Mr. Eduardo.—A map of Peru. Three copies.

Howell, Councillor John.—A copper weather vane from an old house on Brook Green, formerly inhabited by Mark Lemon. Three rapiers from the same house.

London County Council.—Quarterly Time-table of Workmen's Trains and Trams. Two copies.

Naylor, Miss E.—*Our Own Gazette*.

The Publishers.—*Ethics ; Laundry Journal ; London, Seaside and Country ; The Motor Cycle ; Woman*.

School Board for London.—Minutes of Proceedings.

The Metropolitan Borough of  
Hammersmith.

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES.**

REPORT OF THE CHIEF LIBRARIAN

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*To the Libraries Committee of the Borough of  
Hammersmith.*

GENTLEMEN,

The period covered by the Report, which I have the honour to present to you, has been one of increased activity; for in addition to the selection, purchase and preparation of about 5,000 volumes for the Carnegie Library, the issue in all departments has risen nearly 10,000 volumes over that of 1903-4, the figures being 213,831, against 204,139, and is the highest number reached in one year.

LENDING DEPARTMENTS.

At the stock-taking in July it was ascertained that 10 volumes were lost. At the same time 1,304 were withdrawn from circulation, 299 of this number being duplicate copies and in good condition were transferred to the College Park and Carnegie Libraries; 1,055 volumes have been replaced with new copies, and 710 new books have been added during the year.

The total stock in the Lending Departments is 25,076 volumes, and the number at each Library is as follows: Ravenscourt Park, 12,786; Shepherd's Bush, 11,476; College Park, 814.

The issues shew an increase of 6,500 volumes, more than 5,000 of this number at Shepherd's Bush, and nearly 1,000 at College Park, the latter figures are particularly worthy of note.

The number of new tickets applied for was 3,134, and in addition 502 "Students' Tickets" were granted, an addition of over 100 on the number issued last year.

The tickets cancelled were considerably less than in 1903-4, being 276 against 618, leaving the approximate number in force 7,269.

#### REFERENCE LIBRARIES.

The stock at Ravenscourt Park numbers 5,824 volumes, an increase of 302; 222 of these were purchased and 80 were presented. At Shepherd's Bush there are 661; 48 being added during the year: 30 of these were purchased and 18 were presented. The total issue, exclusive of books on open shelves, was 10,086, 4,779 at Ravenscourt Park, and 5,307 at Shepherd's Bush, which shews a substantial increase at both Libraries.

Owing to the frequency with which books were stolen from the open shelves at the Shepherd's Bush Library, the Committee has been reluctantly compelled to place a wire screen on the front of the shelves and to make readers revert to the usual method of filling in a form for any book required. For the same reason the books have been removed from the open shelves in the Boys' Room.

Although the progress made during the past year is satisfactory, it must be remembered that the Libraries are capable of accomplishing a much greater work, and I would ask the heads and managers of the numerous business establishments and factories in our Borough to direct the attention of their employees to the privilege that is theirs for asking. The Committee has done something in this direction by distributing notices containing information concerning the Libraries, and in the case of one large firm it has been productive of good results. By a little organization on the part of the firm in question and an agreement with the Libraries Committee, 123 Borrowers' Tickets have been issued to members of the staff, and since the movement was initiated in March, 1904, 2,232 volumes

have been issued to holders of tickets in this firm alone. With greater facilities at hand when the new Carnegie Library is opened it is hoped that many other employers will direct the attention of their staffs to this important matter.

#### BINDING AND REPAIRS.

The number of books rebound was 1,931; Ravenscourt Park, 665; Shepherd's Bush, 736; Carnegie Library, 530. The staff has repaired 2,939 volumes at Ravenscourt Park and 2,329 at Shepherd's Bush.

#### GIFTS.

A complete list of the gifts received will be found at the end of this report, for which the Committee desires to tender its best thanks to the donors. One of them is of especial interest, and calls for a word or two. Mrs. Proctor, Oxshott, Surrey, has given a proof copy of "The Dream of John Ball" by William Morris, Kelmscott edition, containing marginal notes and corrections by the author; also a volume of specimens and proof sheets from the Kelmscott Press. These are from the Library of her son, Robert Proctor, of the British Museum, who was a great authority on early printing, and was lost in Tyrol, September, 1903.

#### LECTURES.

The following Free Lectures were given in the Town Hall during last winter:—

1905. January 16th, "India, Past and Present," by Mr. Gerald Ritchie.

February 13th, "Life in Australia," by Mr. Wybert Reeve.

The Libraries Committee desires to tender its thanks to the lecturers for their services, and to the Borough Council for the free use of the Town Hall.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

S. MARTIN,

*Chief Librarian.*

TABLE I.

LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING AND REFERENCE.

## RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY.

CLASS.	No. of volumes in Lending Library, March, 1904.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total Reductions.	Stock reduced as per Column 5.	No of volumes replaced.	No. of new books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1905.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c. ...	672	—	—	—	—	672	—	6	678
B. History and Biography ...	1965	—	—	—	—	1965	4	52	2021
C. Voyages, Travels, &c. ...	925	—	—	—	—	925	—	18	943
D. Law, Politics, &c. ...	370	—	—	—	—	370	—	6	376
E. Arts and Sciences ...	1348	—	—	—	—	1348	5	19	1372
F. Fiction ...	3431	11	2	*465	478	2953	257	136	3346
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics ...	625	—	—	—	—	625	—	6	631
H. Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines ...	1648	—	—	9	9	1639	—	25	1664
J. Juvenile Literature ...	1306	—	—	60	60	1246	84	18	1348
K. Music ...	391	—	—	3	3	388	3	16	407
Lending Library Totals...	12681	11	2	537	550	12131	353	312	12786
R.L. Reference Library ...	5322	—	—	—	—	5522	—	302	5824
Combined Totals ...	18203	11	2	537	550	17653	353	604	18610
Pamphlets ...	261	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	289

\* Including 299 duplicate volumes transferred to the Carnegie Library and to College Park Library.



TABLE II.

LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING, REFERENCE AND BOYS' ROOM.

PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERD'S BUSH.									
CLASS.	No. of volumes in Lending Library, 31st March, 1904.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 5.	No. of volumes replaced.	No. of new books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1905.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c.	590	—	—	—	—	590	—	12	602
B. History and Biography	1784	1	—	2	3	1781	—	69	1850
C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	727	1	—	—	1	726	—	20	746
D. Law, Politics, &c.	301	—	—	—	—	301	—	20	321
E. Arts and Sciences	1327	2	—	—	2	1325	2	23	1350
F. Fiction	3376	13	5	624	642	2734	537	172	3443
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics...	577	1	1	—	2	575	2	8	585
H. Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines	857	—	—	17	17	840	16	44	900
J. Juvenile Literature	1248	2	1	123	126	1122	184	28	1334
K. Music	333	—	1	1	2	331	2	12	345
Lending Library Totals...	11120	20	8	767	795	10325	743	408	11476
R.L. Reference Library	621	—	6	2	8	613	8	40	661
B.L. Boys' Library ...	178	—	4	13	17	161	4	—	165
Combined Totals	11919	20	18	782	820	11099	755	448	12302
Pamphlets	93	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	99

	A. Theology, Philosophy, &c.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, &c.	E. Art, Science, Natural History, &c.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Literature, &c.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes issued.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
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RAVENS COURT PARK LIBRARY.

Lending Library	...	775	2973	1795	763	2720	55553	1178	3622	12611	2025	84015	248	338
Reference Library	...	281	699	688	263	1427	—	461	953	—	7	4779	307	15
Total	...	1056	3672	2483	1026	4147	55553	1639	4575	12611	2032	88794	—	353

PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERD'S BUSH.

Lending Library	...	1016	4066	2873	1154	4548	73582	1740	4376	19351	2651	115357	248	465
Reference Library	...	202	763	480	438	1395	—	755	1274	—	—	5307	307	17
Total	...	1218	4829	3353	1592	5943	73582	2495	5650	19351	2651	120664	—	482

COLLEGE PARK LIBRARY.

Lending Library	...	4	53	24	6	37	2746	23	869	567	44	4373	307	14
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COMBINED TOTALS, 1904-1905.

	2278	8554	5860	2624	10127	131881	4157	11094	32529	4727	213831	—	849
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TABLE IV.

New Borrowers and the Districts in which they reside.

Name of District.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	
College Park ...	—	—	74	
Wormholt ...	5	489	—	
Latymer ...	5	44	—	
St. Stephen's ...	96	427	—	
Starch Green ...	242	88	—	
Ravenscourt ...	395	7	—	
The Grove ...	167	119	—	
Brook Green ...	58	288	—	
St. Matthew's ...	36	393	—	
St. Paul's ...	100	15	—	
St. Peter's ...	85	1	—	
TOTALS ...	1189	1871	74	3134
Male Borrowers, 1620. Female Borrowers, 1514.				
"Students' Tickets" were issued as under:—				
Ravenscourt Park ...	...	...	178	
Shepherd's Bush ...	...	...	324	
				502
Grand Total of New Tickets ...	...	...	...	3636

## TABLE V.

SUMMARY 1904-1905.

	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.
Lending Library—			
Volumes presented ... ..	7	7	13
Volumes purchased ... ..	295	401	—
Volumes replaced ... ..	353	743	5
Number of volumes in stock...	12786	11476	814
Number of issues ... ..	84015	115357	4373
Average daily issues... ..	338	465	14
Reference Library—			
Volumes presented ... ..	80	18	
Volumes purchased ... ..	222	30	
Number of volumes in stock...	5824	661	
Number of issues ... ..	4779	5307	
Average daily issues ... ..	15	17	
Boys' Room—			
Number of volumes in stock...		165	
Average daily attendance ...		44	
New borrowers' tickets issued ...	1189	1871	74
New "Students' Tickets" ... ..	178	322	2
Tickets renewed ... ..	1704	2195	37
Tickets cancelled ... ..	152	122	2
Number of tickets in force ... ..	2919	4266	111
Volumes rebound ... ..	* 1195	736	
Volumes repaired by Staff ... ..	2939	2329	
Total issue in Reference and Lending departments ... ..	88794	120664	4373
Grand total ... ..		213831	
Total issue since the Libraries were opened—			
Ravenscourt Park, books first issued March, 1890 ... ..	1877822		
Passmore Edwards Library, Shepherd's Bush, Dec., 1896...		954750	
College Park, April, 1899 ... ..			15991
Grand Total ... ..		2848563	
GENERAL DATA.			
Population as per census, 1901 ... ..			112233
Rateable value ... ..			£744483
Amount of Rate levied ... ..			1d. in the £.
Amount produced by Rate ... ..			£2932 10 10

\* Including 530 vols. bound for the Carnegie Library.

TABLE VI.

SUMMARY OF ISSUES AT RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY, MARCH, 1890, TO MARCH, 1905.

YEAR.	A. Theology, &c.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, &c.	E. Art, Science, Natural History, &c.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Literature, &c.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total of Number Volumes issued.	Number of Days Open.	Daily Average.
1890—1	2627	10994	7040	679	9060	112754	2411	7696	25980	3200	182441	247	738
1891—2	2333	9164	6041	692	7923	124284	1987	7528	30304	2476	192732	245	986
1892—3	1931	7431	4885	670	7524	121894	1978	8201	27788	1886	184188	240	767
1893—4	1958	7088	5220	679	8027	125827	1725	9469	28350	1871	190214	239	796
1894—5	2037	6751	5018	679	7630	128510	1710	10022	27940	2207	192504	247	779
1895—6	1639	6837	4457	811	6653	117594	1500	9023	23609	2822	174945	246	711
*1896—7	987	3597	2448	418	3673	76676	887	5242	15773	1343	111044	241	460
1897—8	422	2506	1452	260	1781	53664	604	2979	8763	789	73220	246	297
1898—9	475	2555	1553	272	1836	46667	632	2944	7262	881	65077	242	269
1899—1900	528	2403	1535	422	2026	44922	676	2716	6608	1173	63009	242	260
1900—1	844	3074	1890	611	2884	49707	1143	3926	7447	1540	73066	251	291
1901—2	1192	3831	1728	803	3095	50646	1360	4481	7932	1689	76757	246	312
1902—3	813	3594	1979	829	3017	53415	1104	4252	11572	1727	82302	247	333
1903—4	857	2755	2069	968	2734	56837	1217	3880	11703	1825	84845	247	343
1904—5	775	2973	1795	763	2720	55553	1178	3622	12611	2025	84015	248	338
Lending Library Totals	19418	75553	49110	9556	70583	1218950	20112	85981	253642	27454	1830359	3674	498

1890—1905	2122	7156	5717	1562	13714	5527	11658	7	47463	3906	12
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TABLE VII.

SUMMARY OF ISSUES AT PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, DECEMBER, 1896, TO MARCH, 1905.

YEAR.	A. Theology, Philosophy, &c.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, &c.	E. Art, Science, Natural History, &c.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Classics, Literature, &c.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes issued.	Number of Days Open.	Daily Average.
1896—7	301	1310	750	194	1573	17646	351	610	4458	819	28012	67	418
1897—8	1166	4945	2793	859	4583	83969	1340	3307	19596	2490	124958	246	507
1898—9	1196	4315	2474	875	3792	81052	1318	3253	17678	1903	117856	250	471
1899—1900	915	3636	2316	867	3445	73526	1130	3237	14665	1368	105105	247	425
1900—1	884	3908	2026	896	4085	77730	1386	3879	15755	1588	112137	251	446
1901—2	818	2843	2175	842	4359	74220	1447	3901	17633	1621	110859	244	454
1902—3	893	4071	2325	957	4283	72102	1256	3664	19006	1860	110417	247	447
1903—4	1096	4192	2440	1033	4552	70731	1561	4293	17370	2650	109918	248	443
1904—5	1016	4066	2873	1154	4548	73582	1740	4376	19351	2651	115357	248	465
Lending Library Totals	8285	34286	20172	7677	35220	624558	11529	30520	145422	16950	934619	2048	456



TABLE VII.—*continued.*

## REFERENCE LIBRARY.

1897—1905	888	2883	2245	1180	5656	—	2402	4875	—	2	20131	2287	8
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## SUMMARY OF ISSUES AT COLLEGE PARK LIBRARY APRIL, 1899, TO MARCH, 1905.

	A. Theology, Philosophy, &c.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, &c.	E. Art, Science, Natural History, &c.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Classics, Literature, &c.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes Issued.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
1899—1900	2	16	20	2	61	971	2	21	515	45	1655	146	11
1900—1	9	87	41	3	38	1847	10	15	492	27	2569	151	17
1901—2	22	48	13	4	20	1690	9	24	312	17	2159	145	14
1902—3	11	22	23	1	30	1364	22	131	357	4	1965	151	13
1903—4	23	18	30	4	40	1905	14	599	637	—	3270	283	11
1904—5	4	53	24	6	37	2746	23	869	567	44	4373	307	14
Totals ...	71	244	151	20	226	10523	80	1659	2880	137	15991	1183	13

## DONATIONS TO THE RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY.

	VOLS.	PHTS.
Accountants and Auditors, The Society of ...	1	...
Amalgamated Press, The ...	1	...
' Anonymous ' ...	1	...
' Anonymous ' ...	4	...
' Anonymous ' ...	12	...
Baptist Union, Publication Department ...	1	...
Bird, Miss ...	10	...
Board of Trade, Labour Department ...	2	...
Bognor Urban District Council ...	1	...
British Museum, Trustees of ...	7	...
Browne, T. B., Ltd. ...	1	...
Bull, W. J., Esq., M.P. ...	1	...
Bureau of Provincial Information, British Columbia	2	...
Canada, Department of the Interior of ...	1	...
" The Geological Survey of ...	3	...
" The High Commissioner for ...	1	...
" The Minister of Agriculture for ...	1	...
Choate, His Excellency Joseph H. ...	1	...
City and Guilds of London Institute ...	2	...
City of London Corporation ...	1	...
Collard, Mr. G. ...	2	...
Delaire, Jean ...	1	...
Farrer, The Dowager Lady ...	1	...
Gordon, Mr. D. J. ...	1	...
Hampton's Scholastic Directory, The Publisher of	1	...
Hayes, Mr. F. W. ...	7	...
Hill, Mr. W. ...	1	...
H.M. Stationery Office ...	12	...
Hipwell, Mr. D. ...	4	...
Humble, Mrs. F. ...	5	...
Ideal Publishing Union, Ltd. ...	1	...
Incorporated British College of Physical Education		I
Johnson, Mr. C. R. ...	6	...
Jones, Miss ...	65	...
Layton, Messrs. C. and E. ...	1	...
London County Council ...	5	...
L.C.C. School of Photo-Engraving, &c. ...	1	...
London Directory Co. ...	7	...
Mather and Crowther, Ltd., Messrs. ...	1	...
Metropolitan Asylums Board ...	1	...
<i>Morning Herald</i> , The Editor of ...	1	...
Morse, Mr. E. G. ...	1	...
National Union of Teachers ...	1	...
Ontario Publishing Co. ...		I
Perry and Co., Messrs. ...	1	...

Proctor, Mrs. ... ..	2	..	
Religious Tract Society ... ..	1	...	
Reports from 89 Libraries ... ..			89
Rowbotham, Rev. J. F. ... ..	1	...	
Rutter, Mr. H. F. ... ..	9	...	
School Board for London ... ..	1	...	
Schulze and Co., Messrs. ... ..	1	...	
Sidney, Mr. Philip ... ..	1	...	
Society Journal's Publishing Co. ... ..	1	...	
Sweden and Norway, The Consulate-General for ... ..	1	...	
Truscott and Son, Messrs. ... ..	1	...	
Turnbull, Mr. and Mrs. P. ... ..	1	...	
Union Press, The ... ..	1	...	
University Tutorial Press ... ..	1	...	
Urlin, Mr. R. D. ... ..	2	...	
Victoria Public Library, Western Australia ... ..	1	...	

## DONATIONS TO THE PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY SHEPHERD'S BUSH.

	VOLS.	PHT
Accountants and Auditors, The Society of ... ..	1	...
Barracrough, Mr. E. ... ..	9	...
Fricker, Miss M. L. ... ..	22	...
Hall, Miss E. ... ..	2	...
Hammersmith Liberal and Radical Association ... ..	1	...
London County Council ... ..	7	...
London Directory Co. ... ..	1	...
New South Wales, The Agent-General for ... ..	1	...
New Zealand, The Agent-General for ... ..	7	...
Mayor of Canterbury ... ..	1	...
Preceptor Londinensis ... ..		...
Steele, Mr. R. ... ..	11	...
Truscott and Son, Messrs. James ... ..		...

## MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS.

Baxter, Mr. Dudley.—*The Catholic Times*.

Canada, The Geological Survey of.—Geological maps of Canadian Railways, Rivers and Lakes.

Crisp, F. A., Esq.—Photogravure portrait of Sir Nicholas Crisp from the original oil painting.

Draper, Mr. Warwick H.—Three sets of views (framed) in the vicinity of Chiswick, Fulham, Isleworth and Twickenham.

Edwards, Mr. F. A.—*The Temperance Record, The Herald of Peace.*

Forbes, Mr. U. A.—*The Economic Journal.*

Hammersmith Borough Council.—Minutes of Proceedings.

Hetherington, Miss.—*Review of Reviews.*

London County Council.—Quarterly Time-table of Workmen's Trains and Trams. Two copies.

Morison, Miss.—Two framed maps of Hammersmith, 1830 and 1853.

The Publishers.—*Ethics, Laundry Journal.*

Reade, C. L., Esq.—Portrait in oils of Charles Reade, in gilt frame.

School Board for London.—Minutes of Proceedings.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES  
EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

## EXPENDITURE.

	Central.			Ravenscourt Park.			Shepherds Bush.			College Park.			Brook Green.			TOTAL.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Buildings, Repairs and Maintenance	...	...	...	40	0	10	43	14	3	36	12	7	8	19	4	129	7	...
Furniture & fittings	...	...	...	5	3	4	9	6	7	7	9	7	...	...	...	21	19	...
Lighting ...	...	...	...	71	14	3	78	19	4	12	10	4	13	18	11	177	2	1
Heating and Water Supply	...	...	...	31	8	0	39	19	10	9	3	6	9	6	6	89	17	1
Salaries and Wages	...	...	...	536	5	0	459	5	0	120	15	0	153	5	0	1269	10	...
Books (New) ...	488	0	2	76	3	7	69	1	2	0	1	6	2	3	0	635	9	...
„ (Replacements)	...	...	...	16	8	3	57	4	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	73	12	10
Bookbinding ...	22	15	6	37	17	2	51	0	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	111	13	2
Newspapers ...	...	...	...	85	2	0	87	1	2	29	11	3	79	1	3	280	15	8
Rent, Rates and Insurance	...	...	...	18	0	8	0	10	0	...	...	...	125	0	0	143	10	8
Printing and Stationery	6	2	7	27	19	11	20	16	0	0	5	9	0	11	0	55	15	3
Printing Catalogue, Ravenscourt Pk.	...	...	...	46	2	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	2	10
Commission on Advertisements in ditto.	...	...	...	3	8	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	8	9
Petty Cash and Postages	...	...	...	22	3	10	5	4	8	4	4	7	1	19	1	33	12	2
Loan and Interest thereon	...	...	...	...	...	...	160	2	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	160	2	6
	516	18	3	1017	18	5	1082	5	7	220	14	1	394	4	1			

£3232 0 5

## ACCOUNT.

Year ending 31st March, 1805.

## INCOME.

	Rate.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherds Bush.	College Park.	Brook Green.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Rate ... ..	2925 18 8	...	...	...	...	2925 18 8
Fines ... ..	...	57 18 4	75 4 7	0 8 2	...	133 11 1
Sale of Catalogues	...	13 12 0	14 6 0	0 5 0	...	28 3 0
Advertisements in ditto.	...	42 15 0	...	...	...	42 15 0
Reserved Books ...	...	1 19 3	3 6 8	...	...	5 5 11
lost do. ...	...	2 9 3	3 5 9	...	...	5 15 0
Sale of Wastepaper	...	9 17 6	10 6 10	0 14 10	4 8 2	25 7 4
Miscellaneous ...	...	1 0 0	...	...	...	1 0 0
	2925 18 8	129 11 4	106 9 10	1 8 0	4 8 2	3167 16 0

Balance—

Surplus at 31st March, 1904 ... 323 10 4

Less Surplus at 31st March, 1905 259 5 11

Excess of Expenditure over Income

64 4 5

£3232 0 5





# The Metropolitan Borough of Hammersmith.

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## Public Libraries.

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF LIBRARIAN

*For the Year ended 31st March,*  
**1907.**



London :

Printed by WYNDHAM & Co., LTD , Bollo Lane, Acton, W.

**1907.**



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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF LIBRARIAN.

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*To the Libraries Committee of the Borough of  
Hammersmith.*

GENTLEMEN,

The Report I have the honour to present to you records the first complete year's work since the opening of the Carnegie (Central) Library, and on this account should be interesting.

In the previous report allusion was made to the increase in the Reference issues owing to the larger accommodation afforded by the new building, and I am pleased to say a still further increase in this useful department of Library work has been maintained during the past year.

The number of volumes in the Central Reference Library is now 6,346, an addition of 322 on last year's stock. There have been issued to readers 29,134 vols, which is an average of 95 for the 305 days the Library was open.

The Reference Departments at Ravenscourt Park and Shepherd's Bush contain 57 and 691 vols respectively, and the issues number at the former 1,992, and at the latter 10,979, making a total for the three Libraries of 42,097 vols.

### LENDING DEPARTMENTS.

The stock in the Lending Departments of the four Libraries numbers 34,896 volumes which are distributed as under: Central, 11,396; Ravenscourt Park, 11,486; Shepherd's Bush, 11,196; College Park, 818. At the Stocktaking it was found necessary to withdraw 1,189 worn out volumes from the Ravenscourt Park Library, and 322 from Shepherd's Bush. Of this number 896 have been replaced, so that notwithstanding an addition of 360 new books, the stock is not so large as last year by 290 volumes.

The issue at each Library was, Central, 120,824; Ravenscourt Park, 60,465; Shepherd's Bush, 86,332; College Park, 3,107; total, 270,728; daily average, 1,084.

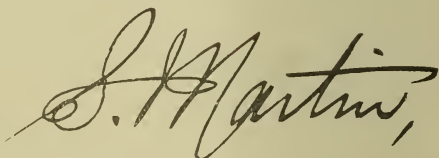
Tickets were issued to 5,039 new borrowers, Central, 2,630; Ravenscourt Park, 1,034; Shepherd's Bush, 1,338; College Park, 37; 3,671 tickets were renewed and 328 cancelled, the approximate number of borrowers being 8,382. In addition 954 Student's Tickets were issued to new borrowers.

Borrowers from every ward excepting College Park have taken tickets at the Central Library, but the large number from the adjacent wards of Brook Green, the Grove, St. Paul's and St. Matthew's is ample testimony that a Library in this part of the Borough was necessary.

The usual tables accompany this report, from which full particulars of the work of the various departments may be obtained.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,



April 23rd, 1907.

Chief Librarian.

TABLE I.

## LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING AND REFERENCE.

## CARNEGIE (CENTRAL) LIBRARY.

CLASS.	No. of volumes in Lending Library March, 1906.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total Reductions.	Stock reduced as per Column 5.	No. of volumes replaced.	No. of books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1907.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c.	1	2	3	4	5	571	...	8	579
B. History and Biography	573	1	...	1	2	2236	...	36	2272
C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	2237	1	...	...	1	669	...	33	702
D. Law, Politics, &c.	670	1	...	...	1	411	...	19	430
E. Arts and Sciences	411	...	...	...	...	1197	1	35	1233
F. Fiction ... ..	1199	...	...	2	2	3755	2	40	3797
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics	3770	11	...	4	15	743	...	22	765
H. Miscellaneous Literature	743	...	...	...	...	263	...	...	263
I. Juvenile Literature	263	...	...	...	...	996	3	15	1014
J. Music ... ..	1006	10	...	...	10	306	...	35	341
K. Music ... ..	306	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lending Library Totals	11178	24	...	7	31	11147	6	243	11396
R.L. Reference Library	6024	...	...	...	...	6024	...	322	6346
Combined Totals	17202	24	...	7	31	17171	6	565	17742
Pamphlets	316	...	...	...	...	316	...	70	386



TABLE II.

LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING AND REFERENCE.

## RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY.

CLASS.	No. of Volumes in Lending Library March, 1906.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total Reductions.	Stock reduced as per Column 5.	No of volumes replaced.	No. of new books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1907.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c.	1	2	3	4	5	572	...	...	572
B. History and Biography	572	...	...	...	...	1708	...	8	1716
C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	1711	1	1	1	3	924	...	3	927
D. Law, Politics, &c.	924	...	...	...	...	351	...	2	353
E. Arts and Sciences	351	...	...	...	...	1348	1	2	1351
F. Fiction ...	1349	...	...	1	1	2281	407	13	2701
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics	3297	4	2	1010	1016	593	...	1	594
H. Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines ...	593	...	...	...	...	1607	...	19	1626
J. Juvenile Literature	1610	...	...	3	3	1157	75	2	1234
K. Music ...	1331	...	...	174	174	411	...	1	412
	412	...	1	...	1				
Lending Library Totals	12150	5	4	1189	1198	10952	483	51	11486
R.L. Reference Library	48	...	...	...	...	48	...	9	57
Combined Totals	12198	5	4	1189	1198	11000	483	60	11543
Pamphlets	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	11

PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERD'S BUSH.

CLASS.	No. of Volumes in Lending Library, 31st March, 1906.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 5.	No. of Volumes replaced.	No. of new books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1907.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c.	1	2	...	4	5	609	...	1	610
B. History and Biography	609	...	...	...	...	1871	...	5	1876
C. Voyages, Travels, &c....	1872	1	...	1	2	753	1	6	760
D. Law, Politics, &c. ...	755	...	...	3	3	319	...	1	320
E. Arts and Sciences	322	...	...	2	4	1356	1	4	1361
F. Fiction ...	1360	2	...	239	250	2785	336	13	3134
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics ...	3035	6	5	...	...	587	...	5	592
H. Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines ...	587	...	...	...	...	918	...	30	948
J. Juvenile Literature	920	...	1	1	2	1175	75	...	1250
K. Music ...	1234	1	1	57	59	344	...	1	345
	345	...	1	...	1		...		
Lending Library Totals	11390	10	8	304	322	10717	413	66	11196
R.L. Reference Library ...	674	...	...	...	...	674	...	17	691
B.L. Boys' Library	157	...	...	...	...	157	...	...	157
Combined Totals ...	11870	10	8	304	322	11548	413	83	12044
Pamphlets ...	141	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	170

TABLE IV.

Volumes issued from the Libraries, 1906-1907.

	CARNEGIE (CENTRAL) LIBRARY.										Total Number of Volumes issued.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
	A. Theology, &c.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, &c.	E. Art, Science, Natural History, &c.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Literature, &c.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.			
Lending Library	1416	6265	4193	1404	5790	74769	3934	621	18990	3397	126824	253	477
Reference Library	596	5108	2425	1241	3416	—	6321	10000	—	27	29134	305	95
Total	2057	11373	6618	2645	9206	74769	10255	10621	18990	3424	149958	—	572
RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY.													
Lending Library	515	1806	1263	523	1977	37287	998	2730	11702	1664	60465	245	246
Reference Library	61	271	173	202	288	—	286	671	—	40	1092	305	6
Total	576	2077	1436	725	2265	37287	1284	3401	11702	1704	62457	—	252
PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERD'S BUSH.													
Lending Library	595	2533	1669	814	1046	54454	1050	3481	16746	1944	86332	246	351
Reference Library	488	1629	1127	1065	2132	—	1833	2705	—	—	10079	305	36
Total	1083	4162	2796	1879	5178	54454	2883	6186	16746	1944	97311	—	387
COLLEGE PARK LIBRARY.													
Lending Library	3	21	14	3	27	1978	5	908	140	8	3107	305	10
COMBINED TOTALS. 1906-1907.													

TABLE V.

New Borrowers and the Districts in which they reside, and Total Borrowers.

Name of District.	Central Library.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	Totals.
College Park ...	...	...	...	37	37
Wormholt ...	40	33	567	...	640
Latymer ...	4	1	40	...	45
St. Stephen's ...	33	147	359	...	539
Starch Green ...	26	269	88	...	383
Ravenscourt ...	98	348	5	...	451
The Grove ...	352	146	81	...	579
Brook Green ...	924	4	42	...	970
St. Matthew's ...	536	4	152	...	692
St. Paul's ...	393	10	2	...	405
St. Peter's ...	224	72	2	...	298
New Borrowers ...	2630	1034	1338	37	5039
Renewals ...	903	1001	1732	35	3671
	3533	2035	3070	72	8710
Cancels ...	158	60	110	...	328
Total Borrowers	3375	975	2960	72	8382
Male Borrowers, 2713 ; Female Borrowers, 2326.					
" Students' Tickets " were issued as under :—					
Carnegie Library	...	...	473		
Ravenscourt Park ...	...	...	204		
Shepherd's Bush ...	...	...	277		
College Park ...	...	...	—		954
Grand Total of New Tickets	...	...			5993

TABLE VI.  
SUMMARY 1906-1907.

	Central Library.	Ravensc't Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	Totals.
<b>Lending Library—</b>					
Volumes presented — —	45	6	2	—	53
Volumes purchased — —	198	45	64	—	307
Volumes replaced — —	6	483	413	—	902
Number of volumes in stock	11396	11486	11196	818	34896
Number of issues — —	120824	60465	86332	3107	270728
Average daily issues — —	477	246	351	10	1084
<b>Reference Library—</b>					
Volumes presented — —	97	3	6	—	106
Volumes purchased — —	225	6	11	—	242
Number of volumes in stock	6346	57	691	—	7094
Number of issues — —	29134	1992	10979	—	42105
Average daily issues ... ..	95	6	36	—	137
New borrowers' tickets issued	2630	1034	1338	37	5039
New "Students' Tickets" —	473	204	277	—	954
Borrowers' Tickets renewed —	903	1001	1732	35	3671
"Student's Tickets" renewed —	146	72	187	—	405
Borrowers' Tickets cancelled —	158	60	110	—	328
"Student's Tickets" cancelled—	10	14	14	—	38
Number of tickets in force —	3984	2237	3237	72	9530
Volumes rebound and recased	1819	530	588	1	2938
Volumes repaired by Staff —	1458	5956	5147	—	12561
Total issue in Reference and Lending departments —	149958	62457	97311	3107	312833
<b>Total issue since the Libraries were opened—</b>					
Central Library, books first issued 9th Jan., 1906—	183316				
Ravenscourt Park, books first issued March, 1890 — —		2022256			
Passmore Edwards Library, Shepherd's Bush, Dec., 1896			1168125		
College Park, April, 1899 —				23549	
Grand Total— — —	—	—	—	—	3397246
<b>GENERAL DATA.</b>					
Population as per census, 1901 — — — —					112233
Rateable value — — — —					£809345
Amount of Rate levied — — — —					id. in the £
Amount produced by Rate — — — —					£3147

	A. Theology, Philosophy, &c.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, &c.	E. Art, Science, Natural History, &c.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Literature, &c.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes issued.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
CARNEGIE (CENTRAL) LIBRARY. Books first issued 9th January, 1906.													
Lending Library	... 1744	7566	4933	1716	7225	87709	4725	805	22292	4005	142720	312	457
Reference Library	... 926	7108	3515	1551	5431	—	8339	13687	—	39	40596	459	88
Total	... 2670	14674	8448	3267	12656	87709	13064	14492	22292	4044	183316	—	545
RAVENS COURT PARK BRANCH Books first issued, March, 1890.													
Lending Library	... 20790	80213	52083	10722	75192	1307514	22361	92489	277500	31593	1970547	4167	473
Reference Library	... 2325	7940	6101	1851	14492	—	6134	12752	—	54	51709	4518	11
Total	... 23115	88153	58244	12573	89684	1307514	28495	105241	277590	31647	2022256	—	484
SHEPHERD'S BUSH BRANCH, Books first issued, December, 1896.													
Lending Library	... 9685	40349	24274	9530	12070	747110	14115	38164	181983	21243	1128523	2542	444
Reference Library	... 1673	5671	4174	2977	9418	—	5658	10029	—	2	39602	2899	13
Total	... 11358	46020	28448	12507	51488	747110	19773	48193	181983	21245	1168125	—	457
COLLEGE PARK BRANCH. Books first issued, April, 1899.													
Lending Library	... 74	282	183	24	268	15333	94	3752	3388	151	23549	1795	13
COMBINED TOTALS.													
	37217	149129	95323	28371	154096	2157666	61426	171678	485253	57087	3397246	—	—



## DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARIES, 1906-7.

			VOLS.	PHTS.
Aberdeen, University of	...	...	1	—
Accountants, Central Association of	...	...	3	—
Accountants and Auditors, Society of	...	...	1	—
Baptist Union	...	...	1	—
Board of Agriculture and Fisheries	...	...	1	—
Board of Trade, Labour Department	...	...	3	—
Booth, Miss K.	...	...	11	—
British College of Physical Education	...	...	—	1
British Columbia, The Legislative Assembly of	...	...	—	1
British Museum, Trustees of...	...	...	2	—
British Weights and Measures Association	...	...	—	2
Bull, Sir William, M.P.	...	...	1	—
Canada, The Geological Survey of	...	...	5	—
„ High Commissioner for	...	...	2	—
„ Minister of Agriculture for	...	...	1	—
Canadian Manufacturers' Association	...	...	1	—
City and Guilds of London Institute	...	...	2	—
Co-Partnership Tenants' Housing Council	...	...	3	—
Cordingley & Co., Messrs.	...	...	1	—
Furnival, Mr. W. J.	...	...	1	—
Garden City Company	...	...	1	—
Goss, Mr. C. W. F.	...	...	—	4
Hammersmith Borough Council	...	...	2	—
Hearts of Oak Benefit Society	...	...	—	1
Hill, Mr. Walter	...	...	2	—
H.M. Stationery Office	...	...	60	—
Hunt, Mr. Byron	...	...	3	—
Hussey, Mr. James	...	...	2	—
Isle of Man Advertising Board	...	...	—	3
Johnson, Councillor H. T.	...	...	1	—
Lancashire Publishing Co., Ltd.	...	...	1	—
London County Council	...	...	20	—
Layton, C. and E., Messrs.	...	...	2	—
London Directory Co., Ltd.	...	...	3	—
Macdonald and Co., Ltd., Messrs.	...	...	4	—
McIntosh, Mr. Campbell	...	...	1	—
Mather and Crowther, Ltd., Messrs.	...	...	1	—
Metropolitan Asylums Board	...	...	2	—
Middlesex County Times Office	...	...	2	—
Natal, Agent-General of	...	...	1	—
National Union of Teachers	...	...	1	—
New South Wales, Agent-General for	...	...	3	—
New Zealand, High Commissioner for	...	...	7	—
Newbury Corporation	...	...	—	4
North Eastern Railway Co.	...	...	2	—
Palmer, Mr J. Foster, L.R.C.P.	...	...	1	—
Perry, Mr. J. Tavenor	...	...	—	2



Phillips, Alderman Acton	...	...	...	1	—	
"Philmic" (Author) per Messrs. Gay and Bird	...	...	...	1	—	
Pratt, Mr. E. A.	...	...	...	1	—	
Revis, Mr. Cecil	...	...	...	—	—	2
Rivingtons, Messrs.	...	...	...	—	—	2
Root, Mr. J. W.	...	...	...	—	—	1
Sabine, Mrs. Ada and Miss Wheatstone	...	...	...	6	—	
South Eastern and Chatham Railway Co.	...	...	...	7	—	
Stevenson, Mr. J. L.	...	...	...	1	—	
Sutton and Sons, Messrs.	...	...	...	1	—	
Tonic Sol-fa College	...	...	...	1	—	
University Tutorial Press, Ltd.	...	...	...	2	—	
Urquhart, Mr. J.	...	...	...	1	—	
Walker, Mr. T. F.	...	...	...	1	—	
Watson, Mr. J. W.	...	...	...	2	—	
Weekes, Miss E. Lega-	...	...	...	—	—	1
West London Esperanto Group	...	...	...	—	—	1
Western Australia, Agent-General for	...	...	...	1	—	
Yarmouth Town Council	...	...	...	—	—	1

## MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS.

- Allberry, Mr. C. H.—Collection of London County Council Election Posters, Handbills, etc.
- Baxter, Mr. Dudley.—*The Catholic Fireside*. *The Catholic Times*.
- Canada, Geological Survey of.—Geological Maps.
- Edwards, Mr. F. A., F.R.G.S.—*The Herald of Peace*. *The Temperance Record*. 36 Parts of the *Library Association Record*.
- File, Miss Alice.—*The Theosophical Quarterly*.
- Glasier, Mr. John.—Plan of Wood House Estate. View of Hammersmith Workhouse and Infirmary.
- Hetherington, Miss.—*The Review of Reviews*.
- London County Council.—*Minutes of Proceedings*.
- New Zealand, High Commissioner for.—New Zealand Mines Records (13 parts).
- The Publishers.—122 Periodicals.
- Reports from 81 Public Libraries.
- Roe, Mr. W. Herbert.—Portrait in oils of Dr. Andrew Carnegie, painted by the donor (framed).
- Shairp, Mr. Norman.—*Geographical Journal*.
- University Extension Guild.—Map of London showing local centres.

Dr.

EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

## EXPENDITURE.

	Central.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s.
Buildings, Repairs and Maintenance...	36 11 4	32 14 11	40 10 8	4 11 9	114 8
Furniture and Fittings ...	24 5 4	1 12 4	0 17 0	...	26 14
Lighting ...	99 1 4	50 1 1	71 8 8	11 6 8	231 17
Heating and Water Supply	33 18 2	25 17 11	30 15 10	7 9 0	98 0
Salaries and Wages ...	583 2 6	349 19 0	422 11 6	119 10 0	1475 3
Books (New) ...	127 5 1	14 11 5	11 11 5	0 5 6	153 13
Books (Replacements) ...	...	22 14 11	28 16 3	...	51 11
Bookbinding ...	64 4 8	36 2 5	26 16 1	...	127 3
Newspapers ...	63 16 4	105 10 5	85 14 11	28 0 11	283 2
Rent, Taxes and Insurance ...	10 19 0	17 18 9	4 6 6	...	33 4
Printing and Stationery ...	36 5 3	9 13 1	14 15 5	...	60 13
Uniform Clothing ...	3 5 6	5 4 3	3 5 6	...	11 15
Postage and Sundry Disbursements...	14 5 7	3 15 6	3 6 11	2 2 2	23 10
Interest on outstanding Loans	151 8 6	...	1 2 6	...	152 11
Principal instalment repaid ditto ...	147 0 0	...	150 0 0	...	297 0
	1395 8 7	675 16 0	895 19 2	173 6 0	3140 9

**Balance—**

Deficiency at 31st March, 1906, brought forward	...	£582 11 1	
Less Deficiency at 31st March, 1907	... ..	324 17 11	
Excess of Income over Expenditure	... ..		257 13
		<b>£ 8398 2</b>	

## ACCOUNT.

YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1907.

Cr.

## INCOME.

	Borough Rate.	Central.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Proportion of Borough Rate	3147 14 9	...	...	...	...	3147 14 9
Fines recovered	...	74 16 1	37 15 0	52 19 3	0 5 4	165 15 8
Sale of Cata- logues	...	21 2 0	5 5 0	7 17 0	0 1 0	34 5 0
Bookmark Ad- vertisement in Catalogue	...	4 3 4	4 3 4	4 3 4	...	12 10 0
Reserved Books	...	2 10 0	0 14 10	1 6 0	...	4 10 10
Lost Books	...	2 18 6	0 17 7	2 6 0	...	6 2 1
Sale of Waste Paper, Maga- zines, etc.	...	3 16 2	8 11 6	7 3 3	1 4 10	20 15 9
Miscellaneous receipts	...	0 13 6	0 10 0	...	...	1 3 6
Sundry donors of cost of adding inscriptions to Memorial win- dows	...	2 18 6	...	...	...	2 18
Agency fees allowed <i>re</i> Fire Insurance Premiums	...	1 12 10	0 14 0	...	...	2 6 10
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# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF LIBRARIAN.

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*To the Libraries Committee of the Borough of  
Hammersmith.*

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit the report of the work of the Libraries for the year ended 31st March, 1908.

At the beginning of the year the Committee had to meet a deficit of £324 in the previous year's accounts, and in addition, other unforeseen expenses occurred which had not been provided for in the estimates.

Under these circumstances the amount available for the purchase of new books was very much curtailed and consequently the additions have not been so numerous as could be desired.

Some criticism on this matter has been directed at the Libraries Committee; but although the amount spent this year is small, yet during the last five years—including the year under review—the sum of £2,761 has been expended on books and binding, being an average of £552 per annum. This is exclusive of the cost of periodicals and newspapers which for the same period amounted to £1,355, a yearly average of £271, which is more than is spent in some London Boroughs where the income from the penny rate is larger than it is in Hammersmith.

## LENDING LIBRARIES STOCK.

The number of volumes in the Lending Departments is 35,207, these are distributed as under: Central, 11,624; Ravenscourt Park, 11,437; Shepherd's Bush, 11,131; College Park, 1,015. At the annual

stocktaking three volumes were withdrawn from the Central Library, 727 from Ravenscourt Park, and 344 from Shepherd's Bush. Of this number 581 were replaced at Ravenscourt Park, and 163 at Shepherd's Bush, but there are still many volumes withdrawn in previous years that have not been replaced. The College Park Library has received an additional 197 volumes from duplicate stock.

#### ISSUES.

The number of volumes issued in the Lending Departments is as follows: Central Library, 114,588; Ravenscourt Park, 55,522; Shepherd's Bush, 85,521; College Park, 2,835; total, 258,456.

#### BORROWERS' TICKETS.

During the year 4,328 tickets were issued to NEW BORROWERS, 656 of whom applied for a Student's Ticket. The number renewed for one year was 3,703 Ordinary, and 489 Students; 550 have been cancelled leaving the number in force 8,626.

A glance at Table 5 will show that Borrowers from every ward in the Borough use the Libraries, the largest numbers in each case residing in the two wards adjacent to the Central, Ravenscourt Park and Shepherd's Bush Libraries.

#### REFERENCE LIBRARY, CENTRAL.

This important branch of the work continues to show steady progress. The number of volumes added to the Central Reference Library was 258; 141 being presented and 117 purchased. The issues have risen to 33,824, an increase of 4,690 on last year's figures.

The Library has been classified under the Dewey decimal system, and two copies of a sheaf catalogue numbering 15 volumes containing 500 leaves in each

have been typed during the past year. A copy has been placed on the counter for the use of borrowers, and will be kept posted with additions as they are made. An index of the more important volumes is being compiled, which when completed will add to the value of the Library and prove a great time saver to the staff and to the public.

Readers having frequently complained to the Committee of the noise caused by walking on the bare floor, it was decided to cover it with linoleum. This has now been done and is greatly appreciated by all who use the Reference Room.

#### NEWS ROOMS.

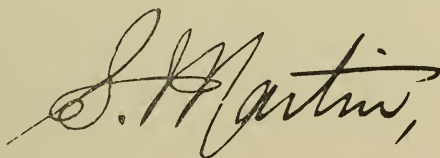
At the annual revision of the periodicals the Committee added some important publications to the list. The number of newspapers and periodicals taken is as follows: Daily newspapers, 77; weekly newspapers, 321; monthly and quarterly magazines and reviews, 266; total, 664; representing 291 different publications.

The rooms continue to be used by a large and increasing number of readers, and is a proof that the facilities afforded to the reading public in Hammer-smith are appreciated.

The usual tables accompany this report, to which I refer you for full particulars of the year's work.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,



July, 1908.

Chief Librarian.

TABLE I.

LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING AND REFERENCE.

## CARNEGIE (CENTRAL) LIBRARY.

CLASS.	No. of volumes in Lending Library March, 1907.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total reductions.	Stock reduced as per Column 5.	No. of volumes replaced.	No. of books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1908.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c.	579	...	...	...	...	579	...	5	584
B. History and Biography	2272	1	1	...	2	2270	...	66	2336
C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	702	...	...	...	...	702	...	25	727
D. Law, Politics, &c.	430	...	...	...	...	430	...	16	446
E. Arts and Sciences	1233	...	...	...	1	1232	...	25	1257
F. Fiction ... ..	3797	11	10	2	23	3774	6	57	3837
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics	765	1	...	...	1	764	...	34	798
H. Miscellaneous Literature	263	...	...	...	...	263	...	1	264
J. Juvenile Literature	1014	2	...	...	2	1012	4	15	1031
K. Music ... ..	341	...	...	...	...	341	...	3	344
Lending Library Totals	11396	15	11	3	29	11367	10	247	11624
Reference Library ...	6346	...	...	...	...	6346	...	258	6604
Combined Totals	17742	15	11	3	29	17713	10	505	18228
Pamphlets ... ..	386	...	...	...	...	386	...	71	457

TABLE II.

LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING AND REFERENCE.

## RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY.

Class.	No. of Volumes in Lending Library March, 1907.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total Reductions.	Stock reduced as per Column 5.	No of Volumes replaced.	No. of new books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1908.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c. ...	572	...	...	...	...	572	...	1	573
B. History and Biography ...	1716	...	1	2	3	1713	2	15	1730
C. Voyages, Travels, &c. ...	927	...	...	1	1	926	...	10	936
D. Law, Politics, &c. ...	353	...	...	...	..	353	...	8	361
E. Arts and Sciences ...	1351	...	...	...	...	1351	...	5	1356
F. Fiction ...	2701	6	2	432	440	2261	457	36	2754
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics...	594	...	...	...	...	594	...	5	599
H. Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines ...	1626	...	1	11	12	1614	11	26	1651
J. Juvenile Literature ...	1234	3	...	281	284	950	111	4	1065
K. Music ...	412	...	...	...	...	412	...	...	412
Lending Library Totals ...	11486	9	4	727	740	10746	581	110	11437
R.L. Reference Library ...	57	...	...	...	...	57	...	15	72
Combined Totals ...	11543	9	4	727	740	10803	581	125	11509
Pamphlets ...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	38

TABLE III.

LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING, REFERENCE AND BOYS' ROOM.

## PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERD'S BUSH.

CLASS.	No. of Volumes in Lending Library, 31st March, 1907.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 5.	No. of Volumes replaced.	No. of new books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1908.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c.	610	...	...	...	...	610	...	1	611
B. History and Biography	1876	1	...	...	1	1875	...	21	1896
C. Voyages, Travels, &c. ...	760	...	...	4	4	756	1	17	774
D. Law, Politics, &c. ...	320	...	...	...	...	320	...	5	325
E. Arts and Sciences	1361	...	...	2	2	1359	...	4	1363
F. Fiction ...	3134	8	10	255	273	2861	124	37	3022
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics	592	1	...	...	1	591	...	3	594
H. Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines ...	948	1	...	12	13	935	1	49	985
J. Juvenile Literature	1250	1	4	71	76	1174	37	5	1216
K. Music ...	345	...	...	...	...	345	...	...	345
Lending Library Totals	11196	12	14	344	370	10826	163	142	11131
R.L. Reference Library	691	...	1	4	5	686	...	16	702
B.L. Boys' Library	157	...	...	2	2	155	...	18	173
Combined Totals	12044	12	15	350	377	11667	163	176	12006



	A. Theology, &c.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, &c.	E. Art, Science, Natural History, &c.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Classics, Literature, &c.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes issued.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
CARNEGIE (CENTRAL) LIBRARY.													
Lending Library	1276	5709	3134	1430	5236	74673	3374	482	16576	2638	114588	250	458
Reference Library	534	6380	2962	1560	4174	—	7708	10463	—	43	33824	309	109
Total	1810	12089	6096	3050	9410	74673	11082	10945	16576	2681	148412	—	567
RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY.													
Lending Library	484	1665	1091	527	1807	34644	872	2886	10192	1354	55522	250	222
Reference Library	200	625	516	403	514	—	435	1565	—	145	4403	309	14
Total	684	2290	1607	930	2321	34644	1307	4451	10192	1499	59925	—	236
PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERD'S BUSH.													
Lending Library	558	2403	1567	725	2388	52787	1024	3672	18077	1820	85521	251	340
Reference Library	580	1451	958	979	2111	—	1838	2592	—	—	10509	309	34
Total	1138	3854	2525	1704	4999	52787	2862	6264	18077	1820	96030	—	374
COLLEGE PARK LIBRARY.													
Lending Library	6	12	17	10	45	2190	17	116	429	3	2845	250	11
COMBINED TOTALS, 1907-1908.													
	3638	18245	10246	5694	16775	164294	15268	21776	45274	6003	307212	—	1188

TABLE V.

New borrowers and the Districts in which they reside.  
Total number of Borrowers and Tickets issued.

Name of District.	Central Library.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	TOTALS
College Park ...	1	...	...	62	63
Wormholt ...	40	19	627	...	686
Latymer ...	3	...	29	...	32
St. Stephen's ...	36	126	389	...	551
Starch Green ...	21	224	90	...	335
Ravenscourt ...	109	248	11	...	368
The Grove ...	280	90	60	...	430
Brook Green ...	691	4	42	...	737
St. Matthew's ...	420	2	169	...	591
St. Paul's ...	277	18	...	...	295
St. Peter's ...	146	92	2	...	240
New Tickets ...	2024	823	1419	62	4328
„ Students' do.	349	111	196	...	656
Renewals, Ordin'y	1422	940	1300	41	3703
„ Students'	269	90	130	...	489
	4064	1964	3045	103	9176
Tickets cancelled	334	87	123	6	550
Total number of Tickets in force	3730	1877	2922	97	8626

## TABLE VI.

SUMMARY 1907-1908.

	Central Library.	Ravensc't Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	Totals.
Lending Libraries					
Volumes presented ... ..	15	22	41		78
Volumes purchased ... ..	232	88	101	197	421
Volumes replaced ... ..	10	581	163		951
Number of volumes in stock	11624	11437	11131	1015	35207
Number of issues ... ..	114588	55522	85521	2835	258466
Average daily issues ... ..	458	222	340	11	1031
Reference Libraries—					
Volumes presented ... ..	141	12	4		157
Volumes purchased ... ..	117	3	12		132
Number of volumes in stock	6604	72	702		7378
Number of issues ... ..	33824	4403	10509		48736
Average daily issues ... ..	109	14	34		157
New Borrowers Tickets issued	2024	823	1419	62	4328
New "Students" Tickets ...	349	111	196		656
Borrowers Tickets renewed ...	1422	940	1300	41	3703
"Students Tickets" renewed ...	269	90	130		489
Borrowers Tickets cancelled ...	292	75	115	6	488
"Students Tickets" cancelled	42	12	8		62
Number of Tickets in force ...	3730	1877	2922	97	8626
Volumes rebound and recased	1138	461	519	23	2141
Volumes repaired by Staff ...	3574	5483	7285		16342
Total issue in Reference and Lending departments ...	148412	59925	96130	2845	307212
Total issue since the Libraries were opened ... ..					
Central Library, books first issued, 9th Jan., 1906 ...	331728				
Ravenscourt Park, books first issued, March, 1890 ...		2082181			
Passmore Edwards Library Shepherd's Bush, Dec., 1896			1264155		
College Park, April, 1899 ...				26394	
Grand Total ... ..	...	...	...	...	3704458

## GENERAL DATA.

Population estimated to 1908	...	...	...	124012
Rateable value...	...	...	...	£822952
Amount of Rate levied	...	...	...	id. in the £.
Amount produced by Rate	...	...	...	£3163

# TABLE VII.

Summary of Total Issues from time of opening of each Library.

CARNEGIE (CENTRAL) LIBRARY. Books first issued 9th January, 1906.										
	A. Theology, &c.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, &c.	E. Art, Science, Natural History, &c.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Literature, &c.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.
Lending Library	3020	13275	8067	3206	12461	162382	8099	1287	38868	6643
Reference Library	1460	13488	6477	3111	9605	—	16047	24150	—	82
Total	4480	26763	14544	6317	22066	162382	24146	25437	38868	6725
RAVENS COURT PARK BRANCH. Books first issued, March, 1890.										
Lending Library	21274	81878	53174	11249	76999	1342158	23233	95375	287782	32947
Reference Library	2525	8565	6677	2254	15006	—	6569	14317	—	199
Total	23799	90443	59851	13503	92005	1342158	29802	109692	287782	33146
SHEPHERD'S BUSH BRANCH. Books first issued, December, 1896.										
Lending Library	10243	42752	25841	10255	44958	799897	15139	41836	200060	23063
Reference Library	2253	7122	5132	3956	11529	—	7496	12621	—	2
Total	12496	49874	30973	14211	56487	799897	22635	54457	200060	23065
COLLEGE PARK BRANCH. Books first issued, April, 1899.										
Lending Library	80	294	200	34	313	17523	111	3868	3817	154
COMBINED TOTALS.										
Lending Library	40855	167374	105568	24065	170871	2291060	76804	102454	520597	62000
Reference Library	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	40855	167374	105568	24065	170871	2291060	76804	102454	520597	62000
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## DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARIES, 1907-8.

			VOLS.	PHTS.
Abel and Imray, Messrs.	...	...	—	1
Accountants & Auditors, Incorporated Society of	...	...	1	—
Anglo-American Oil Co.	...	...	2	—
Anonymous	...	...	2	—
Arber, Professor E.	...	...	1	—
Atkins, Miss	...	...	3	—
Baker, Mr. Charles E.	...	...	—	1
Baptist Union	...	...	1	—
Bewsher, Councillor S. (Mayor of Hammersmith)	...	...	—	1
Board of Agriculture and Fisheries	...	...	—	15
Board of Trade, Labour Department	...	...	2	—
Booth, Miss	...	...	17	—
Borstal Association, per The Secretary	...	...	—	2
British Columbia, The Legislative Assembly of	...	...	1	—
British Museum, Trustees of	...	...	9	—
Bull, Sir William, M P.	...	...	3	—
Busby, Mrs. M.	...	...	1	—
Canada, Geological Survey of	...	...	—	7
„ Minister of Agriculture for	...	...	2	—
Canadian Government Office	...	...	1	—
Cape of Good Hope, The Agent General for	...	...	1	—
Carnegie, Dr. Andrew	...	...	1	—
Channel Tunnel Co.	...	...	—	3
Chinnock, Mr. E. J.	...	...	1	—
City and Guilds of London Institute	...	...	2	—
Collingwood Bros., Messrs.	...	...	1	—
Cotter, Mr. V. C.	...	...	2	—
Cushon, Miss E. M.	...	...	1	—
Dack, Mrs. C.	...	...	1	—
Davies, Miss	...	...	8	—
Ebbs, Councillor A.	...	...	33	—
Edwards, Mr. F. A.	...	...	4	—
Financial Reform Association	...	...	1	—
Forbes, Mr. U. A.	...	...	9	—
Glossop, Mr. Reginald	...	...	—	29
Glover, Mrs.	...	...	15	—
Goldsmid, Major-General Sir Frederic	...	...	1	—
Goss, Mr. C. W. F.	...	...	15	—
Great Western Railway Co.	...	...	9	—
Griffiths, Mr. Harold	...	...	1	—
Guildhall Corporation	...	...	1	—

			VOLS	PHTS.
Hammersmith Borough Council	...	...	1	—
Hampton's Scholastic Directory (The Publisher)			1	—
Hearts of Oak Benefit Society	...	...	—	3
Hedges, W. T., Ltd.	...	...	1	—
Hetherington, Miss	...	...	2	—
Highland Railway Co.	...	...	1	—
Hill, Mr. Walter	...	...	1	—
H. M. Stationery Office	...	...	5	—
Holland, Mr. W. J., LL.D.	...	...	1	—
Howell, Mr. J.	...	...	5	—
Humble, Mrs. F.	...	...	3	—
James, Mr. C.	...	...	1	—
Lachaussee, Madame	...	...	32	—
Langston, Mr. C. Pembridge	...	...	—	2
London and North Western Railway Co.	...	...	3	—
London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Co.	...	...	4	—
London County Council	...	...	18	8
London Directory Co., Ltd.	...	...	3	—
London University	...	...	1	—
Lord's Day Observance Society	...	...	—	1
McKinney, Mr. S. B. G.	...	...	3	—
Mather and Crowther, Ltd., Messrs.	...	...	1	—
Metropolitan Asylums Board	...	...	1	—
Murray, J.	...	...	3	—
National Union of Teachers	...	...	1	—
Needes, Mr. A. L.	...	...	60	—
Neighbour, Mr. W.	...	...	1	—
Nova Scotia, Agent General for	...	...	—	1
Pearce, Mr. W. B.	...	...	1	—
Pratt, Mr. E. A.	...	...	1	—
Revis, Mr. Cecil	...	...	—	3
Rowntree, Mr. F.	...	...	1	—
Schooling, Mr. J. H.	...	...	1	—
Smith, Mr. W.	...	...	1	—
Stubbs Publishing Co., Ltd.	...	...	1	—
Taunton Town Council	...	...	1	—
University Tutorial Press, Ltd.,	...	...	2	—
Victoria Institute	...	...	—	1
Warren, Mr. A.	...	...	1	—
Weekes, Miss E. Lega...	...	...	—	2
West London Hospital	...	...	—	2
Whitaker & Sons, Ltd., Messrs.	...	...	1	—
Worcester Corporation	...	...	1	—



## MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS.

- Accountants and Auditors, Incorporated Society of.—Journal.  
 Baxter, Mr. Dudley.—*The Catholic Fireside. The Catholic Times.*  
 Beardsley, Miss Helen.—*Our Cats.*  
 Church and Chapel Magazines.—St. Luke's, Uxbridge Road;  
     St. Mary's, Stamford Brook; St. Simon's, West  
     Kensington Park; St. Stephen's, Shepherd's Bush;  
     Uxbridge Road Tabernacle; West End Baptist Church,  
     Hammersmith.  
 Edwards, Mr. F. A., F.R.G.S.—*The Herald of Peace. The*  
     *Temperance Record.*  
 File, Miss Alice.—*Theosophical Quarterly.*  
 Forbes, Mr. Urquhart.—*The Economic Journal.*  
 Hargrove, Miss Constance —*The Theosophical Quarterly.*  
 Hetherington, Miss.—*The Review of Reviews.*  
 Howell, Mr. George. —Photograph of himself.  
 London County Council.—*Minutes of Proceedings.*  
     *London County Council Gazette. Workmen's Time Table.*  
 Publishers and Public.—248 Periodicals.  
 Reports from 85 Libraries.  
 Saunders, Mr. G. R. (the late).—Portrait of Rev. T. S. Atwood  
     (framed).  
 Selden, Mr. Alfred.—Holograph autobiography of John Selden  
     (framed).  
 Shairp, Mr. Norman W.—*Geographical Journal.*  
 Wakeham & Co., Messrs.—*Kensington News* (3 copies).  
 Walker, Mr. Emery.—A Photogravure Portrait of William  
     Morris (framed).  
 West London Hospital.—Reports, 1903-6.



PUBLIC LIBRARIES  
EXPENDITURE AND INCOME,

Dr.

## EXPENDITURE.

	Central.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Buildings, Re- pairs and Maintenance...	32 17 9	37 8 9	50 0 0	22 0 3	142 6 9
Furniture and Fittings ...	41 19 6	1 0 0	13 6	...	43 13 3
Lighting ...	82 17 7	40 17 1	60 0 5	10 3 11	193 19 0
Heating and Water Supply	56 7 6	33 12 8	41 19 8	8 5 9	140 5 7
Salaries and Wages ...	583 18 0	336 9 6	429 1 0	94 6 3	1443 14 9
Books (New) ...	125 14 2	26 6 3	20 1 1	2 12 5	174 13 11
Books (Replace- ments) ...	...	25 3 1	1 18 4	...	27 1 5
Bookbinding ...	101 0 6	36 17 5	28 4 0	1 8 0	167 9 11
Newspapers ...	90 18 1	57 7 7	71 2 6	23 10 9	242 18 11
Rent, Taxes and Insurance ...	10 19 0	17 18 9	5 0 0	2 7	34 0 4
Printing and Stationery ...	21 10 0	10 14 10	12 11 1	1 7	44 17 6
Uniform Cloth- ing ...	3 14 0	5 11 6	5 11 6	...	14 17 0
Postage and Sund- ry Disburse- ments ...	14 15 10	3 17 5	3 14 2	2 8 7	24 16 0
Interest on out- standing Loans	146 5 8	...	...	...	146 5 8
Principal instal- ment repaid ditto ...	147 0 0	...	..	...	147 0 0
Superannuation to late Porter and Gratuity to late Attendant. College Park	...	19 10 0	...	50 0 0	69 10 0
£	1459 17 7	652 14 10	729 17 3	215 0 1	3057 9 9
<b>Balance--</b>					
Deficiency at 31st March, 1907, brought forward ...			...	324 17 11	
Add Surplus at 31st March, 1908 ...			...	13 11 10	
Excess of Income over expenditure ...			...	...	338 9 9
<i>Accounts published subject to audit.</i>					£ 3395 19 6

ACCOUNT.

YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1908.

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## INCOME.

	Borough Rate.	Central.	Ravenscourt Park	Shepherd's Bush	College Park	Total:
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Proportion of Borough Rate	3162 13 5	...	...	...	...	3162 13 5
Fines recovered	...	71 19 9	34 11 8	45 11 7	15 8	152 18 8
Sale of Cata- logues ...	...	12 6 0	4 1 0	5 11 0	1 0	21 19 0
Bookmark Ad- vertisement in Catalogue ...	...	4 3 4	4 3 4	4 3 4	...	12 10 0
Reserved Books	...	1 17 4	16 0	19 4	...	3 12 8
Lost Books ...	...	1 16 9	1 7 5	1 13 6	...	4 17 8
Sale of Waste Paper, Maga- zines, etc. ...	...	10 3 9	7 1 4	10 15 2	1 1 5	29 1 8
Miscellaneous receipts ...	...	7 6	...	...	...	7 6
Agency fees allowed re Fire Insurance Premiums ...	...	1 12 10	14 0	14 9	4	3 1 11
Sum received in Settlement of Fire claim ...	...	4 17 0	...	...	...	4 17 0
	3162 13 5	109 4 3	52 14 9	69 8 8	1 18 5	3395 19 6

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# The Metropolitan Borough of Hammersmith.

## Public Libraries.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF LIBRARIAN

*For the Year ended 31st March,*

1909.



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1909.



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# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF LIBRARIAN.

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*To the Libraries Committee of the Borough of  
Hammersmith.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting my report for the year ended 31st March, 1909.

STOCK.—The additions to the stock have been both numerous and important, the number being 1,328 volumes, of these 1,182 were purchased, and 146 were presented.

Of the volumes withdrawn in this and previous years, 785 have been replaced by new copies.

The total number of volumes in the Libraries is 43,960; these are distributed as follow: Central, Reference, 6,807; Lending, 12,080; Ravenscourt Park, 12,105; Shepherd's Bush, 11,915; College Park, 1,053. The amount spent in the purchase of new books and replacements was £380 18s. od.

ISSUES.—The issues in the Reference departments continue to improve, the total reaching 52,241, an increase of 7,505 on the previous year, which is shared alike by the Central, Ravenscourt Park, and Shepherd's Bush Libraries.

The aggregate issue in the Lending departments shows a slight falling off, although at the Central and College Park Libraries an increase was registered. At Ravenscourt Park the decrease was 410 volumes, while at Shepherd's Bush the figures were 7,485 less than last year. This is probably due to the fact that the

Franco-British Exhibition was open for half the year. The total issue in all departments was 310,134, an increase of 2,922 volumes.

STOCKTAKING. — At the annual stocktaking 32 volumes were recorded lost and paid for by borrowers or their guarantors, 31 volumes were taken by borrowers who had removed from the Borough and whose whereabouts could not be traced ; and 7 volumes were lost and not accounted for. The number of volumes withdrawn worn out, was 596.

BINDING AND REPAIRS.—The volumes sent to be re-bound numbered 2,158, and the repairs done by the Staff reached the large total of 22,000. These books were nearly all in the Lending departments, and the number is an indication of the wear and tear caused by an annual issue of over a quarter of a million.

BORROWERS' TICKETS. — The number of new tickets issued, including the extra ticket for non-fictional works, was 4,808 ; renewals, 4,056 ; 494 were cancelled, leaving the approximate number in force 8,370.

READING ROOMS — The attendance in the Reading Rooms shows no sign of falling off.

LOCAL PICTURES.—The collection of local pictures at Ravenscourt Park has been re-arranged, and many interesting prints and sketches have been added. A few portraits of local interest have also been presented to the Carnegie Library.

On Trafalgar Day, 1908, Councillor H T. Johnson presented to the Ravenscourt Park Library, the doorstep removed from Trafalgar House, Pembroke Road, Portsmouth, the last crossed by Lord Nelson, 14th

September, 1805. This interesting relic of the great Admiral is exhibited in the Hall, and has attracted a large amount of attention.

STATISTICS.—The usual tables accompany this report, wherein will be found full details of the year's work.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "S. H. Martin," with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

*Chief Librarian.*

TABLE I.

LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING AND REFERENCE.

CARNEGIE (CENTRAL) LIBRARY.									
CLASS.	No. of volumes in Lending Library in March, 1908.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total reductions.	Stock reduced as per Column 5.	No. of volumes replaced.	No. of books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1909.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c.	584	...	...	...	...	584	1	21	606
B. History and Biography	2336	2	1	...	3	2333	3	106	2442
C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	727	...	...	3	3	724	2	38	764
D. Law, Politics, &c.	446	...	...	...	...	446	1	27	474
E. Arts and Sciences	1257	...	1	3	4	1253	5	52	1310
F. Fiction ...	3837	13	15	39	67	3770	49	92	3911
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics	798	1	...	3	4	794	5	40	839
H. Miscellaneous Literature	264	...	...	...	...	264	...	1	265
J. Juvenile Literature	1031	2	2	30	34	997	34	92	1123
K. Music ...	344	...	...	...	...	344	...	2	346
Lending Library Totals	11624	18	19	78	115	11509	100	471	12080
R.L. Reference Library ...	6604	...	...	...	...	6604	...	203	6807
Combined Totals	18228	18	19	78	115	18113	100	674	18887

## LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING AND REFERENCE.

## RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY.

CLASS.	No. of Volumes in Lending Library March, 1908.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total Reductions.	Stock reduced as per Column 5.	No. of Volumes replaced.	No. of new books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1909.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c.	573	...	...	...	...	573	...	5	578
B. History and Biography	1730	...	2	1	3	1727	4	41	1772
C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	936	...	...	2	2	934	3	12	949
D. Law, Politics, &c.	361	...	...	2	2	359	2	8	369
E. Arts and Sciences	1356	...	...	7	7	1349	7	33	1389
F. Fiction ...	2754	1	1	175	177	2577	342	83	3002
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics ...	599	1	...	1	2	597	1	5	603
H. Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines ...	1651	...	...	26	26	1625	16	31	1672
J. Juvenile Literature ...	1065	2	...	60	62	1003	118	110	1231
K. Music ...	412	...	...	...	...	412	3	3	418
Lending Library Totals	111437	4	3	274	281	11156	496	331	11983
R L. Reference Library ...	72	...	...	...	...	72	...	50	122
Combined Totals	115009	4	3	274	281	11228	496	381	12105
Pamphlets ...	38	...	...	...	...	38	...	3	41

# TABLE III.

LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING, REFERENCE AND BOYS' ROOM.

PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERD'S BUSH.									
CLASS.	No of Volumes in Lending Library, 31st March, 1908.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total.	Stock reduced as per Column 5.	No. of Volumes replaced.	No. of new books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1909.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c.	611	...	...	1	1	610	...	11	621
B. History and Biography	1896	...	...	...	...	1896	1	32	1929
C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	774	...	...	...	...	774	3	10	787
D. Law, Politics, &c.	325	...	...	...	...	325	3	6	334
E. Arts and Sciences	1363	...	...	1	1	1362	1	16	1379
F. Fiction ...	3022	9	6	257	272	2750	147	71	2968
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics ...	594	...	...	1	1	593	2	8	603
H. Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines ...	985	...	...	25	25	960	2	23	985
J. Juvenile Literature	1216	1	3	52	56	1160	28	48	1236
K. Music ...	345	...	...	...	...	345	2	4	351
Lending Library Totals...	11131	10	9	337	356	10775	189	229	11193
R.L. Reference Library	702	...	...	...	...	702	...	20	722
B.L. Boys' Library	173	...	...	...	...	173	2	6	181
Combined Totals	12006	10	9	337	356	11650	191	255	12096
Pamphlets	189	...	...	...	...	189	...	12	201

	A. Theology, &c.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, &c.	E. Art, Science, Natural History, &c.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Classics, Literature, &c.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes issued.	Days open.	Daily Average.
CARNEGIE (CENTRAL) LIBRARY.													
Lending Library	1152	5212	2781	1362	4575	75028	3109	440	21262	2302	117223	247	474
Reference Library	683	6969	2854	1949	4712	—	8976	11146	—	73	37362	307	121
Total	1835	12181	5635	3311	9287	75028	12085	11586	21262	2375	154585	—	595
RAVENS COURT PARK LIBRARY.													
Lending Library	451	1759	1105	480	1642	33612	788	3106	10762	1407	55112	247	223
Reference Library	528	1066	1004	585	949	—	743	2064	—	517	7456	307	25
Total	979	2825	2109	1065	2591	33612	1531	5170	10762	1924	62568	—	248
PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERD'S BUSH.													
Lending Library	534	2007	1353	586	2675	48124	882	3283	17253	1339	78036	248	314
Reference Library	367	1701	1101	1084	2468	—	1849	2853	—	—	11423	307	37
Total	901	3708	2454	1670	5143	48124	2731	6136	17253	1339	89459	—	351
COLLEGE PARK LIBRARY.													
Lending Library	11	34	19	6	71	2250	14	84	1032	1	3522	248	14
COMBINED TOTALS, 1908-1909.													
Lending Library	3726	18748	10217	6652	17092	159014	16361	22976	50309	5639	310134	—	1208



TABLE V.

New borrowers and the Districts in which they reside.  
Total number of Borrowers and Tickets issued.

Name of District.	Central Library.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	TOTALS.
College Park ...	2	...	...	66	68
Wormholt ...	11	21	626	...	658
Latymer ...	2	2	33	...	37
St. Stephen's ...	31	163	309	...	503
Starch Green ...	21	276	92	...	389
Ravenscourt ...	83	327	6	...	416
The Grove ...	235	147	49	...	431
Brook Green ...	647	6	41	...	694
St. Matthew's ...	361	...	162	...	523
St. Paul's ...	319	4	...	...	323
St. Peter's ...	105	100	1	...	206
New Tickets ...	1817	1046	1319	66	4248
„ Students' do.	285	97	178	...	560
Renewals, Ordin'y	1440	934	1211	52	3637
„ Students' ...	198	101	120	...	419
	3740	2178	2828	118	8864
Tickets cancelled...	266	110	116	2	494
Total number of Tickets in force ...	3474	2068	2712	116	8370

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TABLE VI.  
SUMMARY 1908-1909.

	Central Library.	Ravensc't Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	Totals.
Lending Libraries—					
Volumes presented ... ..	32	6	7		45
Volumes purchased ... ..	439	325	222	24	1010
Volumes replaced ... ..	100	496	189		785
Number of volumes in stock	12080	11983	11193	1053	36309
Number of issues ... ..	117223	55112	78036	3522	253893
Average daily issues... ..	474	223	314	14	1025
Reference Libraries—					
Volumes presented ... ..	52	43	6		101
Volumes purchased ... ..	151	7	14		172
Number of volumes in stock	6807	122	722		7651
Number of issues ... ..	37362	7456	11423		56241
Average daily issues ... ..	121	25	37		183
New Borrowers Tickets issued	1817	1046	1319	66	4248
New "Students" Tickets ...	285	97	178		560
Borrowers Tickets renewed ...	1440	934	1211	52	3637
"Students" Tickets renewed...	198	101	120		419
Borrowers Tickets cancelled ...	243	98	109	2	452
"Students" Tickets cancelled	23	12	7		42
Number of Tickets in force ...	3474	2068	2712	116	8370
Volumes rebound and recased	1018	682	458		2158
Volumes repaired by Staff ...	9381	7557	5491		22429
Total issue in Reference and Lending departments ...	154585	62568	89459	3522	310134
Total issue since the Libraries were opened—					
Central Library, books first issued, 9th Jan., 1906 ...	486313				
Ravenscourt Park, books first issued, March, 1890 ...		2144749			
Passmore Edwards Library, Shepherd's Bush, Dec., 1896			1353614		
College Park, April, 1899 ...				29916	
Grand Total ... ..		4014592			
GENERAL DATA.					
Population estimated to 1909 ...	...	...	...	125,704	
Rateable Value ... ..	...	...	...	£905,555	
Amount of Rate levied...	...	...	...	One Penny.	
Amount produced by Rate ...	...	...	...	£3,379	

TABLE VII.

Summary of Total Issues from time of opening of each Library.

	A. Theology, &c.	B. History and Biography	C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, &c.	E. Art, Science, Natural History, &c.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Literature, &c.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes issued.	Days open.	Daily Average.
CARNEGIE (CENTRAL) LIBRARY. Books first issued 9th January, 1906.													
Lending Library	4172	18487	10848	4568	17036	237410	11208	1727	60130	8945	374531	809	462
Reference Library	2143	20157	9231	5060	14317	—	25023	35296	—	155	111732	1076	104
Total	6315	38944	20179	9628	31353	237410	36231	37023	60130	9100	486313	—	566
RAVENS COURT PARK LIBRARY. Books first issued, March, 1899.													
Lending Library	21725	83637	54279	11729	78641	1375770	24021	98481	298514	34354	2081181	4674	446
Reference Library	3053	9631	7681	2839	15955	—	7312	16381	—	716	63563	5134	12
Total	24778	93268	61960	14568	94596	1375770	31333	114862	298514	35070	2144749	—	458
PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERD'S BUSH. Books first issued, December, 1896.													
Lending Library	10777	44759	27194	10841	47633	848021	16021	45119	217313	24402	1292080	3041	424
Reference Library	2620	88.3	6233	5040	13997	—	9345	15474	—	2	61534	3516	17
Total	13397	53.82	33427	15881	61630	848021	25366	60593	217313	24404	1353614	—	441
COLLEGE PARK LIBRARY. Books first issued, April, 1899.													
Lending Library	91	328	219	40	384	19773	125	3952	4849	155	29916	2352	12
COMBINED TOTALS.													
Lending Library	44581	186122	115785	40117	187963	2480974	93055	216430	580836	68729	4014592	—	1477

## DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARIES, 1908-9.

	VOLS.	PHTS.
Accountants, Central Association of	2	—
Accountants and Auditors, Society of	1	—
Anonymous	5	— 1
Australia, Commonwealth of	1	—
Australia, South, The Agent-General for	1	—
Balch, Mr. E. S.	1	—
Balch, Mr. T. W.	1	—
Bamber, Mr. E. F.	1	— 1
Baptist Union, The	1	—
Beale, Mr. N. Watkin	24	—
Beresford, Mr. Dudley	2	—
Board of Agriculture and Fisheries	—	5
Board of Trade, Labour Department	3	—
British Museum, Trustees of	9	—
British Olympic Association, per Rev. R. S. de Courcy Laffan	—	19
Bull, Sir William, M.P.	2	— 1
Canada, Department of the Interior of	1	—
„ Geological Survey of	5	— 8
„ His Excellency The Governor-General of	1	—
„ Minister of Agriculture for	—	4
Canadian Government	2	—
Chemistry Institute of Great Britain and Ireland	1	—
Christian Science Church Council...	1	—
City and Guilds of London Institute	—	1
Courtney & Co., Messrs. R.,	1	—
Cremation Society	—	1
Dawson, Mr. A. J., per Messrs. E. Grant Richards	1	—
Dupont, Mons. Celesti	29	—
Edington, Mr.	4	—
Engineers, An amalgamated Society of	1	—
Forbes, Mr. Urquhart A.	1	—
Great Western Railway Co.	1	— 1
Hammermith Board of Guardians	1	— 18
„ Borough Council	1	—
Hazehurst, Mr. J.	1	—
Hearts of Oak Benefit Society	—	4
Hetherington, Miss	6	—
Hick Brothers Publishing Co.	1	—
H.M. Stationery Office...	9	—
Howell, Mr. George	5	— 10

Hungarian Ministry of Religion and Public In- struction	...	...	1	—	
Jarrold & Sons, Messrs.	...	...	1	—	
Johnson, Councillor H. T.	...	...	—	—	4
Kent, Mr. Percy Ramsey	...	...	1	—	
King, Sell & Olding, Ltd., Messrs....	...	...	1	—	
Layton, Messrs. C. & E.,	...	...	2	—	
Leigh Brown Endowment	...	...	1	—	
Le Page, Mrs. Adela	...	...	1	—	
London College of Music	...	...	1	—	
London County Council	...	...	14	—	7
London Directory Co., Ltd.	...	...	4	—	
London University	...	...	1	—	1
Mackie, Rev. G. E., M.A.	...	...	4	—	
McKinney, Mr. S. B. G., per Messrs. Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier	...	...	1	—	
Mansion House Council	...	...	1	—	
Mather, Sir William	...	...	1	—	
Metropolitan Asylums Board	...	...	1	—	
Mitchell, Messrs. C. & Co.	...	...	1	—	
Morley, Mrs. M.	...	...	1	—	
National Boiler & General Insurance Co., Ltd.	...	...	2	—	
"National Defence," per The Editor	...	...	4	—	
National Union of Teachers	...	...	1	—	
North Eastern Railway Co.	...	...	1	—	
Norwich Corporation	...	...	1	—	
"Our Dumb Friends' League"	...	...	—	—	2
Owen, Dr.	...	...	17	—	
Parker, Mr. D.	...	...	1	—	
Peckover, Lord	...	...	1	—	
Planinsky, Mr. George F.	...	...	1	—	
Research Defence Society	...	...	2	—	
Richardson, Mr. Ralph, per Elliot Stock	...	...	5	—	
Rutter, Mr. H. F.	...	...	1	—	
Sands & Co, Messrs.	...	...	1	—	
Saunders, Mr. G.	...	...	70	—	
Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent & Co.	...	...	1	—	
Simpson, Mr. W.	...	...	1	—	
Tariff Reform League	...	...	4	—	1
Tonic Solfa College	...	...	1	—	
Unitarian Association, British and Foreign	...	...	1	—	1
University Tutorial Press, Ltd.	...	...	2	—	
Victoria Institute	...	...	—	—	1
Weekes, Miss E. Lega	...	...	—	—	2
West London Hospital	...	...	—	—	1
Whitaker & Sons, Ltd., Messrs.	...	...	1	—	

## MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS.

- Accountants, Central Association of.—*The Associated Accountants Journal*.
- Accountants and Auditors, Society of.—*The Journal of the Society of Accountants and Auditors*.
- Baxter, Mr. Dudley.—*The Catholic Fireside*. *The Catholic Times*.
- Canada, Geological Survey of.—29 Maps of Nova Scotia.
- Church and Chapel Magazines.—St. Luke's, Uxbridge Road ; St. Mary's, Stamford Brook ; St. Simon's, West Kensington Park ; St. Stephen's, Shepherds Bush ; Uxbridge Road Tabernacle ; West End Baptist Church, Hammersmith.
- Clarke, Mr. A. E.—*This Way*.
- Edwards, Mr. F. A., F.R.G.S.—*The Herald of Peace*. *The Temperance Record*.
- File, Miss Alice.—*Theosophical Quarterly*.
- Forbes, Mr. Urquhart.—*The Economic Journal*.
- Hanshaw, Mr. F.—Enlarged photograph of the old Church, Hammersmith.
- Hargrove, Miss Constance.—*Theosophical Quarterly*.
- Hetherington, Miss.—*The Review of Reviews*.
- Jackson, Mr. W. Hatchett, M.A., D.Sc., Radcliffe's Librarian.—Engraved Portrait of Dr. Radcliffe (in oak frame.)
- Johnson, Councillor H. T.—Doorstep of "Trafalgar House," Portsmouth. (The last crossed by Lord Nelson prior to embarking for Trafalgar.)
- LePage, Mrs. Adela.—*The Christian Science Sentinel*. *The Christian Science Journal*.
- London County Council.—*Minutes of Proceedings*. *London County Council Gazette*.
- The Publishers.—116 Periodicals.
- Reports from 74 Libraries.
- Shairp, Mr. Norman W.—*Geographical Journal*.
- Stephens, Mrs. Stewart.—*Hearth and Home*.
- Tariff Reform League.—Monthly Notes of the Tariff Reform League.
- Wakeham & Co, Messrs.—*Kensington News* (3 copies.)
- Whitehead, Messrs. W. T. & Co.—*Wood Carvings*.
- Women's National Anti-Suffrage League.—*The Anti-Suffrage Review*.



PUBLIC LIBRARIES  
EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

Dr.

## EXPENDITURE.

	Central.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Buildings, Re- pairs and Maintenance... ..	54 16 3	17 1 4	100 7 2	2 18 1	175 2 1
Lighting ... ..	66 4 0	39 12 4	38 2 11	9 15 6	153 14
Heating and Water Supply ... ..	50 6 8	29 12 0	43 8 0	7 19 0	131 5
Salaries and Wages ... ..	593 10 10	362 15 4	451 2 9	87 14 0	1495 2 1
Books (New) ... ..	221 5 1	83 0 3	47 1 5	12 7	351 19
Books (Replace- ments) ... ..	6 3 2	13 9 5	9 6 1	...	28 18
Bookbinding ... ..	53 19 7	42 0 3	22 10 1	16 8	119 6
Newspapers ... ..	104 19 5	60 12 8	77 19 4	24 16 10	268 8
Rent, Taxes and Insurance ... ..	10 19 0	17 18 8	5 0 0	10 6	34 8
Printing and Stationery ... ..	31 0 8	5 10 4	7 19 2	...	44 10
Uniform Cloth- ing ... ..	3 8 0	3 8 0	3 8 0	...	10 4
Postage and Sun- dry Disburs- ments... ..	11 6 7	3 11 4	3 16 6	1 12 5	20 6 10
Interest on out- standing Loans ... ..	141 5 11	...	...	...	141 5 11
Principal instal- ment repaid ditto ... ..	147 0 0	...	...	...	147 0
Superannuation to late Porter ... ..	...	19 10 0	...	...	19 10
... £	1496 5 2	698 1 11	810 1 5	136 15 7	3141 4

**Balance—**

Surplus at 31st March, 1909, brought forward ... .. £451 5 11  
 Less Surplus at 31st March, 1908 ... .. 13 11 10

Excess of Income over Expenditure ... .. 437 14

£3578 18



ACCOUNT.

YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1909.

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## INCOME.

	Borough Rate.	Central.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	Total.
	£ s d.	£ s d.	£ s d.	£ s d.	£ s d.	£ s d.
Proportion of Borough Rate (see page 18)...	3389 10 6	...	...	...	...	3389 10 6
Books recovered	...	62 17 11	32 11 5	40 13 0	17 4	136 19 8
Value of Cata- logues	...	6 13 0	3 17 6	3 12 0	...	14 2 6
Bookmark ad- vertisement in Catalogue	...	3 15 0	...	3 15 0	...	7 10 0
Served Books	...	1 14 10	12 0	1 0 2	...	3 7 0
Lost Books	...	2 14 6	15 4	1 6 6	...	4 16 4
Value of Waste Paper, Maga- zines, etc.	...	4 6 0	6 19 3	6 19 10	1 0 3	19 5 4
Miscellaneous Receipts	...	...	5 0	...	...	5 0
Agency fees allowed re Fire Insurance Premiums	...	1 12 10	14 0	12 0	3 0	3 1 10
	£ 3389 10 6	83 14 1	45 14 6	57 18 6	2 0 7	3578 18 2

£ 3578 18 2



# The Metropolitan Borough of Hammersmith.

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For the Year ended 31st March,

1910.



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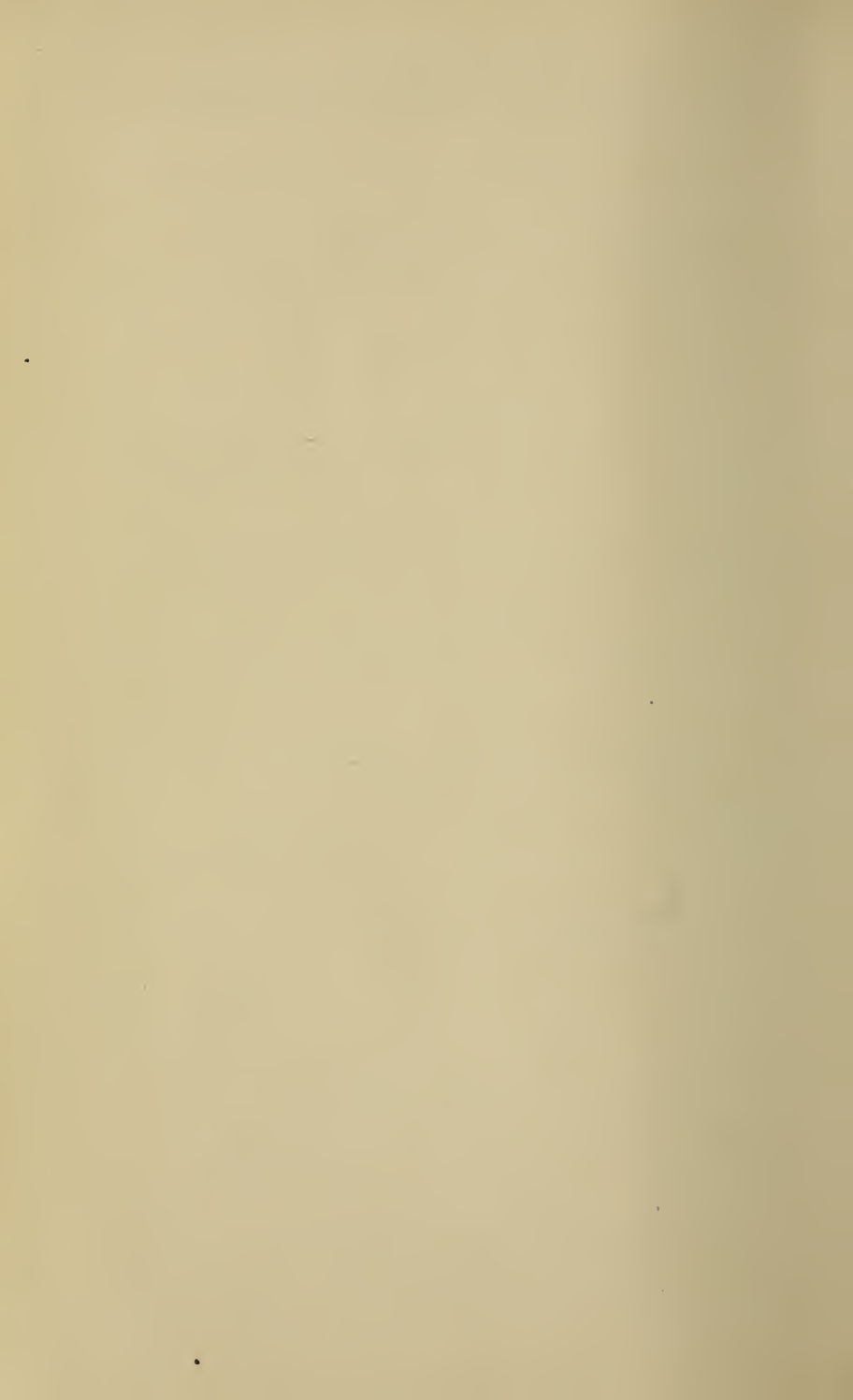
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# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF LIBRARIAN.

*To the Libraries Committee of the Borough of  
Hammersmith.*

GENTLEMEN,

The Report for the year 1909-1910, which I have the pleasure to submit to you, covers the twentieth year's work since the first Lending Library was opened in Ravenscourt Park in 1890, and it is gratifying to record a substantial increase in the work of nearly every department.

STOCK.—The number of volumes purchased for the Lending Departments was 1,397; 954 that had been withdrawn were replaced with new copies; and 41 were presented, making the total 37,724. In the Reference Department 253 volumes have been added by purchase and 87 by presentation, making the total 7,991. The grand total in all departments of the Libraries is 45,715 distributed as under:—

LIBRARY.	Reference.	Lending.	Total.
Carnegie ... ..	7,092	12,673	19,765
Ravenscourt Park ...	161	12,246	12,407
Passmore Edwards...	738	11,632	12,370
College Park ...	—	1,173	1,173
	<hr/> 7,991	<hr/> 37,724	<hr/> 45,715

Owing to the length of time they have been established, the libraries at Ravenscourt Park and Shepherd's Bush contain many books that are out of date, and the space they occupy on the shelves is required for more recently published works. Before another complete catalogue can be issued it will be necessary to re-classify both these libraries, and while doing so I purpose examining the stock to ascertain what books can be dispensed with.

ISSUES.—In consequence of the Carnegie Lending Library being closed for one month for the purpose of adapting it for open access, the aggregate issue in the Lending Department is below that of last year, although the daily average is somewhat higher. Under the new



system the department was opened on 1st October, and the issue for the six months ending 31st March, 1910, shows an increase of 7,658 over the corresponding period of 1908-9. As the stock in this Library has not yet been taken a report on the result of the first year's working of open access will be presented at a later date. The decrease in the Lending Department at the Carnegie Library is about 2,000, but it is satisfactory to note the great increase of over 8,000 volumes in the issue of the Reference Department. This result is due in a large measure to the many excellent volumes the Committee have been able to purchase, and to the interest taken in the requirements of readers by the Assistant in charge of that Department.

At Ravenscourt Park the increase in both Departments is notable ; 13,000 in the Lending and 11,000 in the Reference. The large increase in the latter is partly accounted for by the fact that many ready reference books which were formerly on open shelves and of which no record was taken, have been removed to closed shelves on account of the number of small volumes stolen and the inability to keep them under observation.

The decrease of 8,000 volumes issued at Shepherd's Bush is in the Lending Department, and is partly the result of some of the borrowers migrating to the Carnegie Library ; it may also be attributed in some measure to the changed character of the neighbourhood since the Exhibition has been established there. But here an increase of 800 volumes in the Reference issue will be noticed.

In the College Park Library the issue has increased from 3,522 to 4,850. As this is a very small Library in a district inhabited wholly by the working classes, it is an extremely gratifying result.

The increase in the issue over the previous year is Lending Libraries, 7,996 ; Reference Libraries, 21,186 ; total, 29,182 volumes.

TICKETS.—The number of new tickets issued was 4,229 ; and 671 Students' Tickets were granted. There were 3,622 ordinary and 475 Students' Tickets renewed,

and 358 cancelled, leaving the total number in force 8,639, an increase of nearly 300 on the previous year.

READING ROOMS.—The large and increasing number of readers using the various Reading Rooms is a feature of the work that is of the utmost importance and must not be lost sight of. No record has been taken of the numbers attending the rooms and it would be an interesting experiment to do so.

STOCKTAKING.—At the annual stocktaking 11 volumes were recorded lost and paid for by borrowers, 22 volumes were taken by borrowers who had left the borough and could not be traced, and 7 volumes were totally lost, three of these being taken from the open case at Ravenscourt Park. The number of volumes withdrawn worn out was 970.

BINDING.—The number of volumes rebound was 2,371, and the repairs done by the staff reached the enormous aggregate of 32,000. The majority of these books is in the fiction and juvenile classes, and indicates the questionable methods adopted by many publishers in printing those books on paper that is hardly good enough to wrap sugar in. One sighs for the old days of the honest 6s. novel issued by firms of repute, when the paper used *was* paper, and not the vile substitutes in vogue at the present time; and when the book was bound in the cloth cover, and not thrown in as is too often the case now. The repairing of these books many times over during the year is a very serious matter, and is a great tax on the time of the assistants, who ought to be engaged on more important work.

The lease of the fine old mansion in Ravenscourt Park having expired in December last, application was made by the Borough Council for a renewal, and this the London County Council has granted.

The usual tables of statistics accompany this report.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,  
S. MARTIN,  
*Chief Librarian.*

TABLE I.

LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING AND REFERENCE.

CARNEGIE (CENTRAL) LIBRARY.									
Class.	No. of Volumes in Lending Library March, 1909.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total reductions.	Stock reduced as per column 5.	No. of Volumes replaced.	No. of books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1910.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c....	1	2	3	4	5	606	—	35	641
B. History and Biography ...	606	—	—	—	—	2441	1	108	2550
C. Voyages, Travels, &c. ...	2442	—	1	—	1	762	1	63	826
D. Law, Politics, &c. ...	764	—	—	2	2	472	1	34	507
E. Arts and Sciences ...	474	—	2	—	2	1308	3	82	1393
F. Fiction ...	1310	1	—	1	2	3699	180	105	3984
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics	3911	4	12	196	212	839	—	34	873
H. Miscellaneous Literature ...	839	—	—	—	—	265	—	6	271
J. Juvenile Literature ...	265	—	—	—	—	1041	86	89	1216
K. Music ...	1123	1	1	80	82	346	—	66	412
	346	—	—	—	—				
Lending Library Totals...	12080	6	16	279	301	11779	272	622	12673
Reference Library ...	6807	—	—	—	—	6807	—	285	7092
Combined Totals... Pamphlets ...	18887 497	6 —	16 —	279 —	301 —	18586 497	272 —	907 80	19765 577

TABLE II.

LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING AND REFERENCE.

## RAVENS COURT PARK LIBRARY.

CLASS.	No. of Volumes in Lending Library March, 1909.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total reductions.	Stock reduced as per column 5.	No. of Volumes replaced.	No. of new books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1910.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c....	1	2	3	4	5	578	1	3	582
B. History and Biography ...	578	—	—	—	—	1772	—	37	1809
C. Voyages, Travels, &c. ...	1772	—	—	—	—	949	—	35	984
D. Law, Politics, &c. ...	949	—	—	—	—	369	—	10	379
E. Arts and Sciences ...	369	—	—	—	6	1383	6	51	1440
F. Fiction ...	1389	—	—	6	218	2784	190	67	3041
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics	3002	1	4	213	—	603	1	8	612
H. Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines ...	603	—	—	—	1	1671	9	23	1703
J. Juvenile Literature ...	1672	—	—	1	94	1137	66	71	1274
K. Music ...	1231	—	1	93	1	417	1	4	422
	418	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Lending Library Totals...	11983	1	5	314	320	11663	274	309	12246
Reference Library ...	122	—	—	—	—	122	—	39	161
Combined Totals...	12105	1	5	314	320	11785	274	348	12407
Pamphlets ...	41	—	—	—	—	41	—	8	49

## TABLE III.

LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING, REFERENCE AND BOYS' ROOM.

PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERD'S BUSH.									
CLASS.	No. of Volumes in Lending Library, 31st March, 1909.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total.	Stock reduced as per column 5.	No. of Volumes replaced.	No. of new books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1910.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c....	1	2	3	4	5	620	—	9	629
B. History and Biography ...	621	—	1	—	1	1929	—	65	1994
C. Voyages, Travels, &c. ...	787	—	1	—	1	786	—	34	820
D. Law, Politics, &c. ...	334	1	—	2	3	331	—	20	351
E. Arts and Sciences ...	1379	—	—	3	3	1376	—	42	1418
F. Fiction ...	2968	2	4	251	257	2711	337	86	3134
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics...	603	—	—	—	—	603	—	11	614
H. Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines ...	985	—	1	3	4	981	3	24	1008
I. Juvenile Literature ...	1236	1	1	112	114	1122	68	128	1318
K. Music ...	351	—	—	6	6	345	—	1	346
Lending Library Totals...	11193	4	8	377	389	10804	408	420	11632
R.L. Reference Library ...	722	—	—	—	—	722	—	16	738
B.L. Boys' Library ...	181	—	—	—	—	181	—	10	191
Combined Totals... ..	12096	4	8	377	389	11707	408	446	12561
Pamphlets ...	201	—	—	—	—	201	—	16	217



TABLE IV.

Volumes issued from the Libraries, 1909-1910.

	A. Theology, &c.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, &c.	E. Art, Science, Natural History, &c.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Classics, Literature, &c.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes issued.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
CARNEGIE (CENTRAL) LIBRARY.													
Lending Library ...	1227	5294	2831	1586	4447	74363	3712	542	18498	2626	115126	222	518
Reference Library ...	672	6708	2943	1874	4310	—	9981	20389	—	86	46963	305	154
Total ...	1899	12002	5774	3460	8757	74363	13693	20931	18498	2712	162089	—	672
RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY.													
Lending Library ...	597	2454	1460	696	2442	40073	940	3785	15980	1384	69811	246	284
Reference Library ...	709	3077	2303	1813	3158	—	1962	5245	—	161	18428	305	60
Total ...	1306	5531	3763	2599	5600	40073	2902	9030	15980	1545	88239	—	344
PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERD'S BUSH.													
Lending Library ...	514	2153	1267	677	2637	45606	1054	3163	13670	1361	72102	246	293
Reference Library ...	604	1830	1252	1213	2302	—	1969	2866	—	—	12036	305	39
Total ...	1118	3983	2519	1890	4939	45606	3023	6029	13670	1361	84138	—	332
COLLEGE PARK LIBRARY.													
Lending Library ...	17	71	54	17	71	3239	27	109	1245	—	4850	253	19
COMBINED TOTALS, 1909-1910.													
Lending Library ...	4340	21587	12110	7876	19367	163281	19645	36099	49393	5618	339316	—	1367

TABLE V.

New borrowers and the Districts in which they reside.

Total number of Borrowers and Tickets issued.

Name of District.	Central Library.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	TOTALS.
College Park ...	—	—	—	95	95
Wormholt ...	27	31	399	—	457
Latymer ...	9	2	45	—	56
St. Stephen's ...	16	196	335	—	547
Starch Green ...	17	335	124	—	476
Ravenscourt ...	101	384	3	—	488
The Grove ...	266	132	27	—	425
Brook Green ...	609	6	32	—	647
St. Matthew's ...	361	2	153	—	516
St. Paul's ...	322	3	1	—	326
St. Peter's ...	108	85	3	—	196
New Tickets ...	1836	1176	1122	95	4229
„ Students' do.	365	113	188	5	671
Renewals, Ordinary	1325	1092	1144	61	3622
„ Students'	230	115	130	—	475
	3756	2496	2584	161	8997
Tickets cancelled ...	171	115	64	8	358
Total No. of Tickets in force ...	3585	2381	2520	153	8639



TABLE VI.  
SUMMARY 1909-10.

	Central Library.	Ravensc't Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	Totals.
Lending Libraries—					
Volumes presented ... ..	21	13	7	—	41
Volumes purchased... ..	601	296	419	81	1397
Volumes replaced ... ..	272	274	408	—	954
Number of volumes in stock	12673	12246	11632	1134	37685
Number of issues ... ..	115126	69811	72102	4850	261889
Average daily issues ... ..	518	284	293	19	1114
Reference Libraries—					
Volumes presented ... ..	66	14	7	—	87
Volumes purchased... ..	219	25	9	—	253
Number of volumes in stock	7092	161	738	—	7991
Number of issues ... ..	46963	18428	12036	—	77427
Average daily issues ... ..	154	60	39	—	253
New Borrowers' Tickets issued	1836	1176	1122	95	4229
New "Students'" Tickets ...	365	113	188	5	671
Borrowers' Tickets renewed...	1325	1092	1144	61	3622
"Students'" Tickets renewed	230	115	130	—	475
Borrowers' Tickets cancelled	159	103	59	8	329
"Students'" Tickets cancelled	12	12	5	—	29
Number of Tickets in force ...	3585	2381	2520	153	8639
Volumes rebound and recased	1344	621	394	12	2371
Volumes repaired by Staff ...	15193	8902	7961	—	32056
Total issue in Reference and Lending departments ...	162089	88239	84138	4850	339316
Total issue since the Libraries were opened—					
Central Library, books first issued, 9th Jan., 1906 ...	648402				
Ravenscourt Park, books first issued, March, 1890 ...		2232988			
Passmore Edwards Library, Shepherd's Bush, Dec., 1896			1437752		
College Park, April, 1899 ...				34766	
Grand Total ... ..		4353908			

GENERAL DATA.					
Population estimated to 1910 ...	...	...	...	125,000	
Rateable Value ... ..	...	...	...	£893,747	
Amount of Rate levied... ..	...	...	...	One Penny	
Amount produced by Rate ...	...	...	...	£3,300	

TABLE VII.

Summary of Total Issues from time of opening of each Library.

	A. Theology, Philosophy, &c.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, &c.	E. Art, Science, Natural History, &c.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Literature, &c.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes issued.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
CARNEGIE (CENTRAL) LIBRARY. Books first issued 9th January, 1906.													
Lending Library ...	5399	23781	13679	6154	21483	311773	14920	2269	78628	11571	489657	1031	475
Reference Library ...	2815	27105	12274	6934	18627	—	35004	55685	—	241	158745	1381	115
Total ...	8214	50946	25953	13088	40110	311773	49924	57954	78628	11812	648402	—	590
RAVENSCOURT PARK BRANCH. Books first issued, March, 1890.													
Lending Library ...	22322	86091	55739	12425	81083	1415843	24961	102266	314524	35738	2150992	4920	435
Reference Library ...	3762	12708	9984	4652	19113	—	9274	21626	—	877	81996	5439	15
Total ...	26084	98799	65723	17077	100196	1415843	34235	123892	314524	36615	2232988	—	450
SHEPHERD'S BUSH BRANCH. Books first issued, December, 1896.													
Lending Library ...	11291	46912	28461	11518	50270	893627	17075	48282	230983	25763	1364182	3287	415
Reference Library ...	3224	10653	7485	6253	16299	—	11314	18340	—	2	73570	3821	19
Total ...	14515	57565	35946	17771	66569	893627	28389	66622	230983	25765	1437752	—	434
COLLEGE PARK BRANCH. Books first issued, April, 1899.													
Lending Library ...	108	399	273	57	455	23012	152	4061	6094	155	34766	2605	13
COMBINED TOTALS.													
Lending Library ...	48921	207709	127895	47993	207330	2644255	112700	252529	630229	74347	4353908	—	—

## DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARIES, 1909—1910.

				VOLS.	PHTS.
Accountants, Central Association of ...	...	...	...	2	—
„ Society of Incorporated ...	...	...	...	1	—
Anonymous ...	...	...	...	114	—
Apprenticeship and Skilled Employment Association	...	...	...	2	—
Atkins, Miss Sarah ...	...	...	...	12	—
Australia, South, The Agent-General for	...	...	...	1	—
Australian Commonwealth ...	...	...	...	2	—
Baptist Union, The ...	...	...	...	1	—
Blount, Madame ...	...	...	...	4	—
Board of Agriculture and Fisheries ...	...	...	...	—	4
Board of Trade, Labour Department...	...	...	...	3	—
Booth, Mr. Bramwell ...	...	...	...	1	—
British College of Physical Education	...	...	...	1	—
British Museum, Trustees of ...	...	...	...	8	—
Budge, Mr. E. A. Wallis ...	...	...	...	2	—
Bull, Sir William, M.P. ...	...	...	...	2	— 1
Canada, Commissioner of Emigration for	...	...	...	1	—
„ Department of Mines for ...	...	...	...	1	—
„ Geological Survey of... ..	...	...	...	6	— 1
„ Minister of Agriculture for ...	...	...	...	2	—
Canadian Government ...	...	...	...	2	— 3
Cape of Good Hope, The Agent-General for	...	...	...	2	—
City and Guilds of London Institute ...	...	...	...	1	— 1
Collard, Mr. A. V. ...	...	...	...	1	—
Convent of the Sacred Heart, The Principal of	...	...	...	2	—
Corporation of London, per the Town Clerk	...	...	...	1	—
Cremation Society of England ...	...	...	...	3	—
Darlington, Mr. H. A. ...	...	...	...	6	—
East India Association... ..	...	...	...	—	12
Edwards, Mr. F. A. ...	...	...	...	2	— 7
Evans, Mr. J. M. ...	...	...	...	1	—
Hall, Mr. William ...	...	...	...	1	—
Hammersmith Board of Guardians	...	...	...	—	2
„ Borough Council ...	...	...	...	4	—
Hearts of Oak Benefit Society ...	...	...	...	—	4
Hetherington, Miss ...	...	...	...	34	—
Hill, Mr. Thomas ...	...	...	...	4	—
H.M. Stationery Office... ..	...	...	...	3	—
Huggins, Sir William ...	...	...	...	1	—
International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners	...	...	...	1	—
James, Dr. J. Brindley ...	...	...	...	—	3
Kegan, Paul, Trench, Trübner & Co., Ltd. ...	...	...	...	2	—
Knights Bachelor, Society of, per the Secretary	...	...	...	—	1
Lahee, Miss G. ...	...	...	...	6	—
London College of Music ...	...	...	...	1	—

	VOLS.	PHTS.
London County Council ... ..	13	— 5
L.C.C. School of Photo-Engraving and Lithography	1	—
London Directory Co., Ltd. ... ..	5	—
London University ... ..	1	—
Middlesex County Association of Change Ringers ...		— 1
Mocatta Library, University College, per the Librarian	2	—
National Union of Teachers ... ..	1	—
Neale, The late Mr. James, per the Executors of ...	4	—
New Zealand, High Commissioner for ... ..	10	— 4
North Eastern Railway Co. ... ..	2	—
Peace Society, The ... ..		— 2
Peace Union, The, per Miss M. L. Cooke (Secretary)	1	—
Perry, Mr. J. Tavenor ... ..		— 2
Pitman, Sir Isaac, & Sons ... ..	6	—
Reinhardt, Charles ... ..	1	—
Rutter, Mr. H. F. ... ..	2	—
Salvation Army, per Messrs. B. Booth & G. J. Jolliffe	2	—
Seager, Mr. Osmund ... ..	12	—
Simpkin, Marshall & Co. ... ..	1	—
Singer Sewing Machine Co. ... ..	1	—
Spiers, Mr. P. ... ..	2	—
Tonic Solfa College ... ..	1	—
Trades' Directories, Limited ... ..	1	—
University Tutorial Press, Ltd. ... ..	1	—
Weekes, Miss E. Lega- ... ..		— 2
Zoological Society of London... ..		— 2

### MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS.

Accountants, Central Association of.—*The Associated Accountants' Journal.*

Accountants and Auditors, Society of.—*The Journal of the Society of Accountants and Auditors.*

Baxter, Mr. Dudley.—*The Catholic Fireside. The Catholic Times.*

Canada, Geological Survey of.—4 Maps.

Church and Chapel Magazines.—St. Luke's, Uxbridge Road ; St. Mary's, Stamford Brook ; St. Simon's, West Kensington Park ; St. Stephen's, Shepherd's Bush ; Uxbridge Road Tabernacle ; West End Baptist Church, Hammer-smith.

Clarke, Mr. A. E.—*This Way.*

Edwards, Mr. F. A., F.R.G.S.—*The Herald of Peace. The Temperance Record.*

File, Miss Alice.—*Theosophical Quarterly.*

Forbes, Mr. Urquhart.—*The Economic Journal.*

Hargrove, Miss Constance.—*Theosophical Quarterly.*

- Hetherington, Miss.—*The Review of Reviews*.
- LePage, Mrs. Adela.—*The Christian Science Sentinel*. *The Christian Science Journal*.
- London County Council.—*Minutes of Proceedings*. *London County Council Gazette*.
- MacMichael, Mr. J. H.—Oil Painting of Old Hammersmith Church.
- The Publishers.—116 Periodicals.
- Reports from 112 Libraries.
- Shairp, Mr. Norman W.—*Geographical Journal*.
- Stephens, Mrs. Stewart.—*Hearth and Home*.
- Tariff Reform League.—Monthly Notes of the Tariff Reform League.
- Twells, Miss.—A framed portrait of Canon Twells.
- Wakeham & Co., Messrs.—*Kensington News* (4 copies).
- Watson, Mr. Arthur.—3 lithographs of Sudbury House, 1 photograph of Sudbury House, 1 lithograph of Eagle House, 2 small photographs of Montagu House.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES  
EXPENDITURE AND INCOME,

Dr.

## EXPENDITURE.

	Central.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Buildings, Repairs and Maintenance ... ..	139 8 8	35 12 8	24 1 11	13 7 3	212 10 6
Lighting ... ..	72 8 11	29 19 5	36 12 11	9 12 3	148 13 6
Heating and Water Supply	37 16 3	27 15 3	33 18 4	5 15 9	105 5 7
Salaries and Wages ...	605 11 9	378 6 1	458 1 0	89 3 6	1531 2 4
Books (New) ... ..	288 9 0	76 5 6	70 4 7	0 11 3	435 10 4
Books (Replacements) ...	4 3 6	18 8 3	28 2 8	...	50 14 5
Bookbinding ... ..	69 2 10	19 16 1	17 17 10	...	106 16 9
Newspapers... ..	113 9 7	62 18 7	75 12 0	25 3 8	277 3 10
Rent, Taxes and Insurance	11 6 4	19 19 4	7 4 8	1 1 8	39 12 0
Printing and Stationery ...	43 0 1	12 15 7	5 4 2	1 5 0	62 4 10
Uniform Clothing ... ..	5 4 0	3 8 0	3 8 0	...	12 0 0
Postage and Sundry Dis- bursements ... ..	12 0 5	5 0 10	4 1 1	1 12 11	22 15 3
Interest on outstanding Loans ... ..	135 19 10	...	...	...	135 19 10
Principal instalment repaid ditto ... ..	147 0 0	...	...	...	147 0 0
Superannuation to late Porter ... ..	...	19 17 6	...	...	19 17 6
Costs of alterations at Central Library in connection with open access system ...	116 12 6	...	...	...	116 12 6
	£ 1801 13 8	710 3 1	764 9 2	147 13 3	3423 19 2

**Balance—**

Surplus at 31st March, 1910, brought forward 235 8 11

Add amount reserved for special repairs ... 300 0 0

	535 8 11
Less surplus at 31st March, 1909 ... ..	451 5 11

Excess of income over expenditure ...

84 3 0

£ 3508 2 2



## ACCOUNT.

YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1910.

Cr.

## INCOME.

	Borough Rate.	Central.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Proportion of Borough Rate (see page 13)...	3330 12 9	...	...	...	...	3330 12 9
Fines recovered	...	56 13 7	31 0 4	39 7 4	0 12 10	127 14 1
Sale of Cata- logues ...	...	4 7 6	3 12 9	5 8 6	0 0 6	13 9 3
Reserved Books	...	0 14 5	0 11 7	0 15 8	...	2 1 8
Lost Books ...	...	1 4 2	0 10 3	0 13 0	...	2 7 5
Sale of Waste Paper, Maga- zines, &c. ...	...	5 5 9	9 7 3	8 6 0	0 17 3	23 16 3
Miscellaneous Receipts ...	...	...	1 0 0	...	...	1 0 0
Sum received in settlement of Fire Claim ...	...	4 5 4	...	...	...	4 5 4
Agency Fees allowed <i>re</i> Fire Insurance Premiums ...	...	1 6 3	0 14 1	0 12 0	0 3 1	2 15 5
£	3330 12 9	73 17 0	46 16 3	55 2 6	1 13 8	3508 2 2

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# The Metropolitan Borough of Hammersmith.

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## Public Libraries.

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF LIBRARIAN

For the Year ended 31st March,

1911.



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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF LIBRARIAN.

*To the Libraries Committee of the Borough of  
Hammersmith.*

GENTLEMEN,

The report which I have the honour to submit to you is a record of the twenty-first year's work of the Public Libraries in Hammersmith, the Library in Ravenscourt Park having been opened for public use on the 19th March, 1890.

Steady progress has been made ; the total issue in all departments has reached 357,958 volumes, being an advance of 18,642 over the previous year. The additions to the Libraries have been both numerous and important owing to the fact that it was possible to allocate a larger amount of money for this purpose than has been the case hitherto.

STOCK.—The number of volumes in the Lending Departments is 39,292 ; of these 1,156 volumes worn out have been withdrawn and replaced with new copies.

The Reference Department of the Carnegie Library has received some notable additions, and it is gratifying to notice the increasing use that is being made of this, the most important branch of Public Library work.

The total number of volumes in all departments is 47,834, distributed as under :—

LIBRARY.	Reference.	Lending.	Total.
Carnegie ... ..	7,608	13,288	20,896
Ravenscourt Park ...	178	12,897	13,075
Shepherd's Bush ...	756	11,901	12,657
College Park ...	—	1,206	1,206
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	8,542	39,292	47,834
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ISSUES.—The total issues in the Lending Departments have increased by nearly 12,000 volumes ; at the Carnegie Library 142,028 were issued against 115,126 last year ; but at both Ravenscourt Park and Shepherd's Bush Libraries a decrease has taken place, while College Park shows an increase. The increase over last year is : Lending Libraries 13,804, Reference Libraries 4838.

TICKETS.—The number of tickets granted to new borrowers was 4,525, an increase at the Carnegie Library of 350, and at Shepherd's Bush of 352 ; while at Ravenscourt Park and College Park there is a falling off of 190 and 16 respectively. New Students' Tickets number 823 against 671 last year ; ordinary renewals 3,424, show a slight decrease, and Students' renewals are about the same. The number of tickets in force is 9,152, nearly 500 more than last year.

STOCKTAKING.—At the stocktaking of the Carnegie Library the result of the first year's work since the adoption of the "Open Access" system is as follows : Volumes lost from the shelves 56, value £9 14s. 2d. ; lost and paid for by borrowers 12 ; withdrawn from circulation 325. I fear this number will be largely increased in the future owing to the extraordinary amount of wear and tear to which the books are now subjected.

The question of providing a separate department for the juvenile readers at the Carnegie Library is becoming an acute one, and the matter must be considered in the near future. In the evenings, during the busiest time the children attend in large numbers and cause much inconvenience to elder borrowers.

At Ravenscourt Park, Shepherd's Bush and College Park the results were : volumes lost and paid for by borrowers 13 ; lost through borrowers leaving the Borough, 23 ; withdrawn, 709.

BOOKS FOR THE BLIND.—The question of supplying books for blind readers was brought to the notice



of the Committee, and it was decided to pay a subscription to the Incorporated National Lending Library for the Blind. The experiment was fairly successful, and it has been decided to continue the subscription.

The usual tables of statistics follow.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

S. MARTIN,

*Chief Librarian.*

TABLE I.

LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING AND REFERENCE.

CARNEGIE (CENTRAL) LIBRARY.									
Class.	No. of Volumes in Lending Library March, 1910.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total reductions.	Stock reduced as per column 5.	No. of Volumes replaced.	No. of books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1911.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c....	1	2	3	4	5	640	—	19	659
B. History and Biography ...	641	1	—	—	1	2548	1	162	2711
C. Voyages, Travels, &c. ...	2550	—	2	—	2	826	—	44	870
D. Law, Politics, &c. ...	826	—	—	—	—	506	1	26	533
E. Arts and Sciences ...	507	—	1	—	1	1390	—	81	1471
F. Fiction ...	1393	—	3	—	3	3712	346	134	4192
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics	3984	9	36	227	272	866	4	32	902
H. Miscellaneous Literature ...	873	1	3	3	7	271	—	8	279
J. Juvenile Literature ...	271	—	—	—	—	1113	87	35	1235
K. Music ...	1216	1	11	91	103	408	5	23	436
	412	—	—	4	4				
Lending Library Totals...	12673	12	56	325	393	12280	444	564	13288
Reference Library ...	7092	—	2	—	2	7090	2	516	7608
Combined Totals... Pamphlets ...	19765 577	12	58	325	395	19370 577	446	1080 79	20896 656

TABLE II.

LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING AND REFERENCE.

## RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY.

CLASS.	No. of Volumes in Lending Library March, 1910.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total reductions.	Stock reduced as per column 5.	No. of Volumes replaced.	No. of new books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1911.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c....	1	2	3	4	5	582	—	4	586
B. History and Biography ...	582	—	—	—	—	1808	2	41	1851
C. Voyages, Travels, &c. ...	1809	1	—	—	1	984	2	25	1011
D. Law, Politics, &c. ...	984	—	—	—	—	379	—	13	392
E. Arts and Sciences ...	379	—	—	—	—	1431	1	43	1475
F. Fiction ...	1440	4	5	—	9	2950	388	66	3404
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics	3041	—	—	91	91	612	—	5	617
H. Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines ...	612	—	—	—	—	1702	—	37	1739
J. Juvenile Literature ...	1703	—	1	—	1	1223	137	40	1400
K. Music ...	1274	—	1	50	51	422	—	—	422
Lending Library Totals...	422	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
R.L. Reference Library ...	12246	5	7	141	153	12093	530	274	12897
	161	—	—	—	—	161	—	17	178
Combined Totals...	12407	5	7	141	153	12254	530	291	13075
Pamphlets ...	49	—	—	—	—	49	—	1	50

TABLE III.

LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING, REFERENCE AND BOYS' ROOM.

PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERD'S BUSH.									
CLASS.	No. of Volumes in Lending Library, 31st March, 1910.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total.	Stock reduced as per column 5.	No. of Volumes replaced.	No. of new books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1911.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c....	1	2	3	4	5	629	—	8	637
B. History and Biography ...	629	—	—	—	—	1994	1	45	2040
C. Voyages, Travels, &c. ...	820	—	—	2	2	818	2	24	844
D. Law, Politics, &c. ...	351	—	—	—	—	351	1	25	377
E. Arts and Sciences ...	1418	—	2	—	2	1416	1	34	1451
F. Fiction ...	3134	5	13	405	423	2711	330	95	3136
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics...	614	1	—	8	9	605	—	9	614
H. Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines ...	1008	1	—	—	1	1007	1	25	1033
J. Juvenile Literature ...	1318	1	1	149	151	1167	201	45	1413
K. Music ...	346	—	—	4	4	342	—	14	356
Lending Library Totals...	11632	8	16	568	592	11040	537	324	11901
R.L. Reference Library ...	738	—	—	—	—	738	—	18	756
B.L. Boys' Library ...	191	—	—	—	—	191	—	6	197
Combined Totals...	12561	8	16	568	592	11969	537	348	12854
Pamphlets ...	217	—	—	—	—	217	—	11	228

TABLE IV.

Volumes issued from the Libraries, 1910-1911.

	A. Theology, &c.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, &c.	E. Art, Science, Natural History, &c.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Classics, Literature, &c.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes issued.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
CARNEGIE (CENTRAL) LIBRARY.													
Lending Library ...	1721	6845	3759	2352	6059	99387	5450	899	21172	3384	142028	247	575
Reference Library ...	699	5596	2909	2185	5205	—	9734	22110	—	59	48617	301	161
Total ...	2420	12441	6728	4537	11324	99387	15184	23009	21172	3443	190645	—	736
RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY.													
Lending Library ...	612	2525	1602	780	2422	33632	1064	3876	13482	1219	61214	241	254
Reference Library ...	1447	2257	2213	1844	2909	—	2121	6805	—	1452	21048	293	72
Total ...	2059	4782	3815	2624	5331	33632	3185	10681	13482	2671	82262	—	326
PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERD'S BUSH.													
Lending Library ...	507	1957	1280	599	2750	41584	888	2974	13654	1126	67319	249	270
Reference Library ...	431	1739	1248	1134	2734	—	2515	2799	—	—	12600	308	40
Total ...	938	3696	2528	1733	5484	41584	3403	5773	13654	1126	79919	—	310
COLLEGE PARK LIBRARY.													
Lending Library ...	27	126	70	21	125	3258	25	57	1406	17	5132	246	20
COMBINED TOTALS, 1910-1911.													
Lending Library ...	5444	21045	13141	8915	22264	168861	21797	39520	49714	7257	357958	—	1392

TABLE V.

New borrowers and the Districts in which they reside.

Total number of Borrowers and Tickets issued.

Name of District.	Central Library.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	TOTALS.
College Park ...	—	—	—	79	79
Wormholt ...	22	23	591	—	636
Latimer ...	9	—	43	—	52
St. Stephen's ...	46	180	460	—	686
Starch Green ...	48	259	112	—	419
Ravenscourt ...	126	315	12	—	453
The Grove ...	356	95	30	—	481
Brook Green ...	679	7	38	—	724
St. Matthew's ...	392	2	178	—	572
St. Paul's ...	362	1	10	—	373
St. Peter's ...	146	104	—	—	250
New Tickets ...	2186	986	1474	79	4725
„ Students' do.	521	110	187	5	823
Renewals, Ordinary	1189	1126	1046	63	3424
„ Students'	153	128	191	6	478
	4049	2350	2898	153	9450
Tickets cancelled ...	91	103	103	1	298
Total No. of Tickets in force ...	3958	2247	2795	152	9152

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TABLE VI.  
SUMMARY 1910-1911.

	Central Library.	Ravensc't Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	Totals.
Lending Libraries—					
Volumes presented ... ..	3	2	1	—	6
Volumes purchased... ..	561	272	323	—	1156
Volumes replaced ... ..	444	530	537	—	1511
Number of volumes in stock	13288	12897	11901	1206	39292
Number of issues ... ..	142028	61214	67319	5132	275693
Average daily issues ... ..	575	254	270	20	1119
Reference Libraries—					
Volumes presented ... ..	52	7	6	—	65
Volumes purchased... ..	464	10	12	—	486
Number of volumes in stock	7608	178	756	—	8542
Number of issues ... ..	48617	21048	12600	—	82265
Average daily issues ... ..	161	72	40	—	273
New Borrowers' Tickets issued	2186	986	1474	79	4725
New "Students'" Tickets ...	521	110	187	5	823
Borrowers' Tickets renewed...	1189	1126	1046	63	3424
"Students'" Tickets renewed	153	128	191	6	478
Borrowers' Tickets cancelled	76	92	95	1	264
"Students'" Tickets cancelled	15	11	8	—	34
Number of Tickets in force ...	3958	2247	2795	152	9152
Volumes rebound and recased	1225	575	749	20	2569
Volumes repaired by Staff ...	10952	7956	6304	—	25212
Total issue in Reference and Lending departments ... ..	190645	82262	79919	5132	357958
Total issue since the Libraries were opened—					
Central Library, books first issued, 9th Jan., 1906 ... ..	839047				
Ravenscourt Park, books first issued, March, 1890 ... ..		2315250			
Passmore Edwards Library, Shepherd's Bush, Dec., 1896			1517671		
College Park, April, 1899 ... ..				39898	
Grand Total ... ..		4711866			

GENERAL DATA.

Population, 1911 ... ..	121,603
Rateable Value ... ..	£862,788
Amount of Rate levied...	One Penny
Amount produced by Rate ... ..	£3,320



# TABLE VII.

Summary of Total Issues from time of opening of each Library.

	A. Theology, Philosophy, &c.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, &c.	E. Art, Science, Natural History, &c.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Literature, &c.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes issued.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
CARNEGIE (CENTRAL) LIBRARY. Books first issued 9th January, 1906.													
Lending Library ...	7120	30626	17438	8506	27342	402160	20370	3168	99800	14955	631685	1278	494
Reference Library ...	3514	32761	15243	9119	23892	—	44738	77795	—	300	207362	1682	123
Total ...	10634	63387	32681	17625	51434	402160	65108	80963	99800	15255	839047	—	617
RAVENSCOURT PARK BRANCH. Books first issued, March, 1890.													
Lending Library ...	22934	88616	57341	13295	83395	1449475	26025	106142	328006	36957	2212206	5161	428
Reference Library ...	5209	14965	12197	6496	22022	—	11395	28431	—	2329	103044	5732	18
Total ...	28143	103581	69538	19701	105527	1449475	37420	134573	328006	39286	2315250	—	446
SHEPHERD'S BUSH BRANCH. Books first issued, December, 1896.													
Lending Library ...	11798	48869	29741	12117	53020	935211	17963	51256	244637	26889	1431501	3536	404
Reference Library ...	3655	12392	8733	7387	19033	—	13829	21139	—	2	86170	4129	20
Total ...	15453	61261	38474	19504	72053	935211	31792	72395	244637	26891	1517671	—	424
COLLEGE PARK BRANCH. Books first issued, April, 1899.													
Lending Library ...	135	525	343	78	580	26270	177	4118	7500	172	39898	2851	13
COMBINED TOTALS.													
Lending Library ...	54365	228754	141036	56908	229594	2813116	134497	292049	679943	81604	4711866	—	1500

## DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARIES, 1910—1911.

						VOLS.	PHTS.
Accountants and Auditors, The Society of	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Bewsher, Alderman	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Board of Trade, Labour Department...	...	...	...	...	...	5	—
Booth, Mr. Bramwell	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
British Museum, Trustees of	...	...	...	...	...	7	—
Bull, Sir William, M.P.	...	...	...	...	...	—	6
Canada, Department of Mines for	...	...	...	...	...	—	3
„ Geological Survey of...	...	...	...	...	...	3	— 2
„ High Commissioner for	...	...	...	...	...	3	—
„ Minister of Agriculture for	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Carrington, Miss Edith	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Carson & Camerford, Ltd., Messrs.	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
Chase, Mr. L. N.	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
City and Guilds of London Institute	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
Collingwood Bros., Messrs.	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Convent of the Sacred Heart, The Principal of	...	...	...	...	...	8	—
Cook, Lady	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Cooke, Miss M. L.	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Covenant Publishing Company	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Dailley, Mr. R. H.	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
<i>Daily News</i> , The Publisher of...	...	...	...	...	...	7	—
Durning-Lawrence, Sir Edwin	...	...	...	...	...	6	—
East End Emigration Fund	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
Edwards, Mr. F. A., F.R.G.S.	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
Evans, Mr. Richardson	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Forbes, Mr. U. A.	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Fryer, Mr. A. C.	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
Godbold, Mr. H. J.	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Goussaroff, Mr. W.	...	...	...	...	...	—	3
Great Northern Railway Company	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
Great Western Railway Company	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
Hammersmith Board of Guardians	...	...	...	...	...	—	3
„ Borough Council	...	...	...	...	...	4	—
Harrison & Sons, Messrs.	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Hartley, Mr. C. V.	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Hearts of Oak Benefit Society	...	...	...	...	...	—	5
Hill, Mr. Lewin, C.B.	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
„ Mr. Walter	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
H.M. Stationery Office...	...	...	...	...	...	5	— 1
Hunt, Mr. Byron	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Imperial Yeomanry Hospital Fund...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—
Japanese Commission, The Commissioner of	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
Kearney High Speed Railway Company	...	...	...	...	...	—	1

Knibbs, Mr. G. H. ... ..	I	—	
Lane, Miss ... ..	I	—	
Layton, Messrs. Charles and Edwin ... ..	2	—	
Lewin, Mr. Joseph ... ..	I	—	
London College of Music ... ..		—	2
London County Council ... ..	II	—	3
"    "    " School of Photo-engraving, &c.	I	—	
London Directory Company, Ltd. ... ..	4	—	
London University College ... ..	I	—	
Milner, Mr. J. ... ..	2	—	
Murray, Mr. James ... ..	28	—	
Mond, Mr. Robert ... ..	I	—	
National Union of Teachers ... ..	I	—	
New York State Library ... ..		—	8
New Zealand, High Commissioner for ... ..	I	—	
Ogita, Mr. E. (Secretary of Japanese Residency General) ... ..	I	—	
Paris-Lyon-Mediterranée Railway Company ... ..	4	—	
Pounds, Mr. Joseph E. ... ..	I	—	5
Research Defence Society ... ..		—	I
Royal Institute of British Architects ... ..	I	—	
Royal Insurance Company, Ltd. ... ..	2	—	
Saunders, Mr. ... ..	4	—	
Stacey, Miss L. ... ..	I	—	
Steel, Mr. R. ... ..	I	—	
Swedenborg Society ... ..	I	—	
Thropp, Mrs. E. L. ... ..	6	—	
Tovey, Mrs. S. S. ... ..	6	—	
Trade Paper Publishing Company, Ltd. ... ..		—	I
University Tutorial Press, Ltd. ... ..	2	—	
Wybourn, Mr. E. ... ..	2	—	

### MISCELLANEOUS GIFTS.

Accountants, Central Association of.—*The Associated Accountants' Journal.*

Accountants and Auditors, Society of.—*The Journal of the Society of Accountants and Auditors.*

Baxter, Mr. Dudley.—*The Catholic Times.*

Church and Chapel Magazines.—St. Luke's, Uxbridge Road ;  
St. Simon's, West Kensington Park ; St. Stephen's,  
Shepherd's Bush ; Uxbridge Road Tabernacle.

File, Miss Alice.—*Theosophical Quarterly.*

Great Western Railway Company.—*Great Western Railway Magazine*.

Guildhall Museum Committee.—A collection of Roman pottery, &c.

Hargrove, Miss Constance.—*Theosophical Quarterly*.

Hetherington, Miss.—*The Review of Reviews*.

London County Council.—*Minutes of Proceedings*. *London County Council Gazette*.

Olson, Mr. N. J.—*Book-keepers' Magazine*.

Reports from 94 Libraries.

Shairp, Councillor Norman W., J.P.—*Geographical Journal*.

Tariff Reform League.—*Monthly Notes of the Tariff Reform League*.

Tucker, Mrs.—A framed water colour sketch of the Grove, Hammersmith.

Wakeham & Co., Messrs.—*Kensington News* (4 copies).

## METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES

## EXPENDITURE AND INCOME FOR

Dr.	EXPENDITURE.				
	Central.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Buildings, Repairs and Main- tenance ... ..	111 0 5	254 18 10	123 19 1	30 5 4	520 3 0
Lighting ... ..	86 2 1	32 16 5	45 8 9	9 4 8	173 11 1
Heating and Water Supply ...	49 4 0	31 18 3	62 15 9	8 7 0	152 5 0
Salaries and Wages ... ..	610 16 0	391 4 10	462 12 8	87 12 0	1,552 5 0
Books (new) ... ..	338 19 0	67 2 3	77 5 2	15 9 8	498 16 0
Books (replacements)... ..	34 10 7	18 16 6	25 2 7	...	78 9 0
Bookbinding ... ..	86 12 7	43 11 8	54 14 5	...	184 18 0
Newspapers ... ..	114 12 0	67 0 9	75 6 1	25 12 0	282 10 10
Rent, Taxes and Insurance ...	10 16 3	26 2 7	2 18 6	1 1 8	40 19 0
Printing and Stationery ...	38 18 10	11 7 8	9 16 8	...	60 3 0
Uniform Clothing ... ..	3 8 0	5 4 0	5 4 0	...	13 16 0
Postage and Sundry Disburse- ments ... ..	13 5 4	3 3 5	3 15 1	1 4 11	21 8 0
Interest on outstanding Loans	130 17 10	...	...	...	130 17 10
Principal Instalment repaid ditto ... ..	147 0 0	...	...	...	147 0 0
	1,776 2 11	953 7 2	948 18 9	178 17 3	

£3,857 6

# OF HAMMERSMITH.

## ACCOUNT.

THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1911.

INCOME.						Cr.
	Borough Rate.	Central.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Proportion of Borough Rate ... ..	3,333 13 3	...	...	...	...	3,333 13 3
Fines recovered ...	...	74 4 8	27 6 7	39 12 11	0 18 0	142 2 2
Sale of Catalogues ...	...	4 15 0	3 1 8	5 13 6	...	13 10 2
Reserved Books ...	...	0 5 9	0 12 5	0 15 9	...	1 13 11
Lost Books ... ..	...	1 3 6	0 15 0	1 13 6	...	3 12 0
Sale of Waste Paper, Magazines, &c. ...	...	12 19 3	5 0 8	5 17 11	1 2 6	25 0 4
Miscellaneous Receipts	...	0 5 0	0 1 0	...	...	0 6 0
Agency Fees Allowed re Fire Insurance Premiums ... ..	...	1 6 3	0 11 3	...	0 1 7	1 19 1
	3,333 13 3	94 19 5	37 8 7	53 13 7	2 2 1	3,521 16 11

Balance—

Surplus at 31st March, 1910, brought forward ... 235 8 11

Add amount reserved for special repairs ... 300 0 0

535 8 11

Less surplus at 31st March, 1911 ... ..

199 19 9

Excess of expenditure over income...

335 9 2

£3,857 6 1





# The Metropolitan Borough of Hammersmith.

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## Public Libraries.

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF LIBRARIAN  
For the Year ended 31st March,  
1912.



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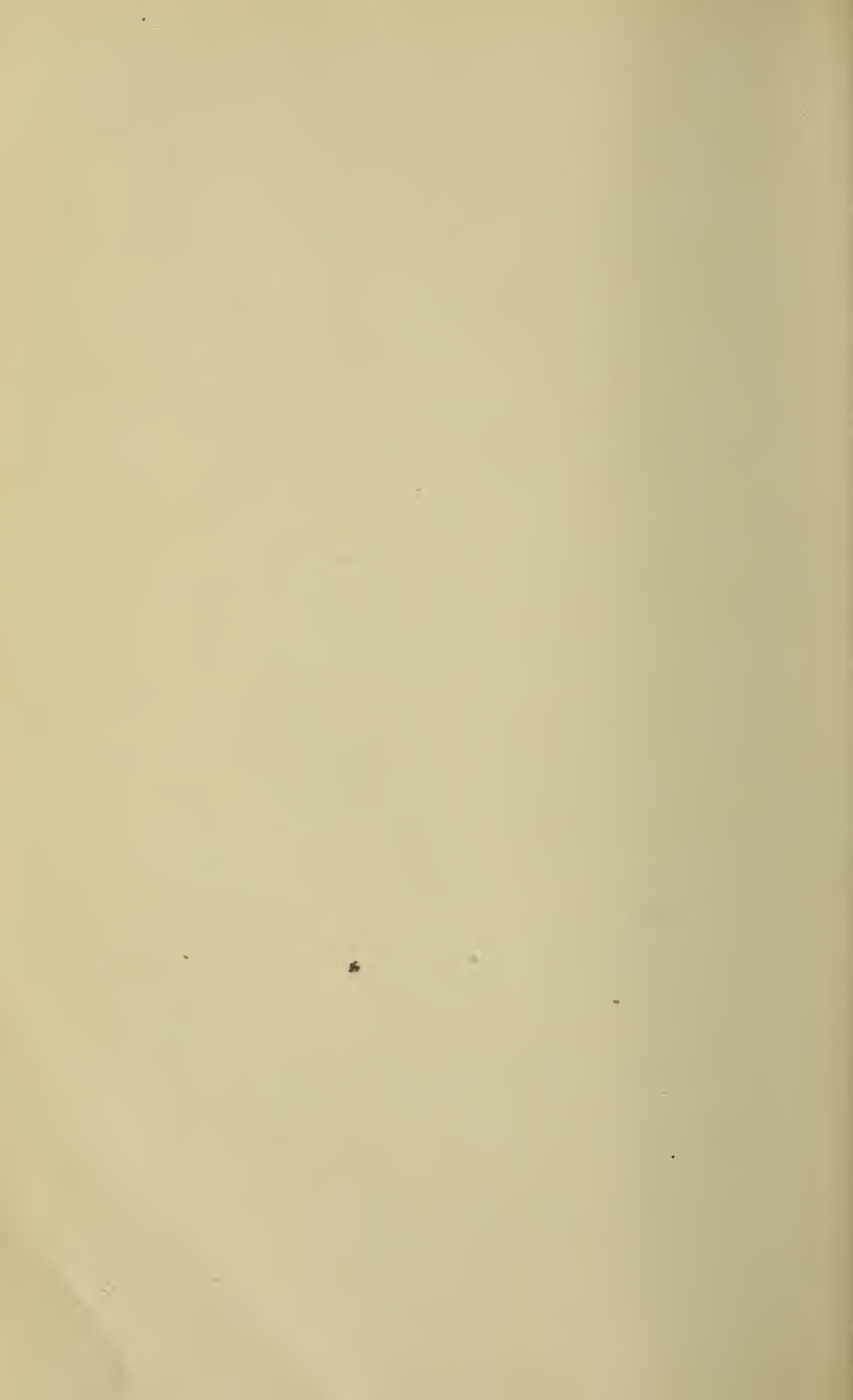
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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF LIBRARIAN.

*To the Libraries Committee of the Borough of  
Hammersmith.*

GENTLEMEN,

The report for the year ended March, 1912, which I have the honour to present to you compares favourably with that of the previous year, inasmuch as the aggregate issue of books again shows an advance, notwithstanding the exceptionally brilliant weather we experienced during the summer of 1911.

The aggregate issue of books was: Reference Libraries 84,368; Lending Libraries 278,072; total, 362,440, an increase of 4,482.

At the annual stocktaking 1,740 worn out volumes were removed from the shelves, and of these 1,340 were replaced with new copies, 585 being placed in the Central Library, 211 at Ravenscourt Park, and 526 at Shepherds Bush.

The number of volumes lost from the open shelves of the Carnegie Library was 104, but 22 have since been found, leaving 82 unaccounted for, the net value being £8 19s. 3d. Twenty-seven volumes were also lost through the inability to trace borrowers who had left the Borough; the value of these is £4 15s. 9d. The losses at the Ravenscourt Park and Passmore Edwards Libraries were 3 and 7 volumes respectively.

The additions have been both numerous and important, the Central Reference Library receiving 385 new books, of which 47 were presented and 338 were purchased.

The Lending Departments have been replenished with 1,092 new volumes, distributed as follows: Central 374; Ravenscourt 288; Shepherds Bush 354; College Park 76.

The total number of volumes in all departments is 48,819, distributed as under :—

LIBRARY.	Reference.	Lending.	Total.
Carnegie ... ..	7,993	13,332	21,325
Ravenscourt Park ...	195	13,146	13,341
Passmore Edwards...	779	12,092	12,871
College Park ...	—	1,282	1,282
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	8,967	39,852	48,819
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New tickets were issued to 4,422 borrowers, and 661 of these also took a Student's ticket. Three thousand five hundred and fifty-three ordinary tickets and 633 Students' tickets were renewed, and 436 were cancelled, leaving 8,833 in force.

The gifts to the Libraries will be found on pp. 15-17, but two of them call for special mention.

Mr. H. W. Seton-Karr, a well-known traveller, antiquary, and hunter of big game, has placed on permanent loan at the Carnegie and Ravenscourt Park Libraries some heads of wild animals that have fallen to his rifle.

They were all mounted by Mr. Rowland Ward, of Piccadilly, have been placed on the walls of the entrance halls of the two libraries, and are most attractive and interesting exhibits.

Mr. Seton-Karr has also presented a selection of antiquities and curios found or acquired by him in Egypt, India, North America, and elsewhere; these fill two show cases in the Reference Library and are of great interest.

A detailed list will be found on page 17.

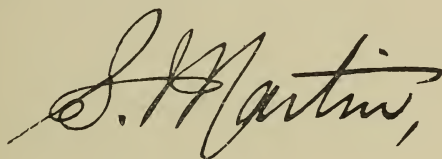
Mrs. Bennett, late of College House, also presented a stained glass window for the News Room to the

memory of the late Dr. C. H. Bennett. It consists chiefly of specimens of 16th and 17th century painted glass, and is a welcome addition from an artistic and decorative point of view to the room that is the most extensively used.

For these handsome gifts the Libraries' Committee has tendered its sincere thanks to the generous donors.

Tables giving detailed information of the year's work are given.

Yours obediently,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "S. Martin," with a long, sweeping underline.

*Chief Librarian.*



TABLE I.

LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING AND REFERENCE.

CARNEGIE (CENTRAL) LIBRARY.									
CLASS.	No. of Volumes in Lending Library March, 1911.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total reductions.	Stock reduced as per column 5.	No. of Volumes replaced.	No. of books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1912.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c....	1	2	3	4	5	659	—	5	664
B. History and Biography ...	659	—	—	—	—	2701	—	98	2799
C. Voyages, Travels, &c. ...	2711	2	8	—	10	861	1	40	902
D. Law, Politics, &c. ...	870	—	7	2	9	529	—	25	554
E. Arts and Sciences ...	533	—	4	—	4	1457	1	40	1498
F. Fiction ...	1471	1	12	1	14	3556	415	84	4055
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics	4192	24	53	559	636	898	—	20	918
H. Miscellaneous Literature ...	902	1	3	—	4	279	—	6	285
J. Juvenile Literature ...	279	—	—	—	—	994	168	59	1221
K. Music ...	1235	4	13	224	241	432	—	4	436
	436	—	4	—	4				
Lending Library Totals...	13288	32	104	786	922	12366	585	381	13332
R.L. Reference Library ...	7608	—	—	3	3	7605	3	385	7993
Combined Totals...	20896	32	104	789	925	19971	588	766	21325
Pamphlets ...	656	—	—	—	—	656	—	38	694

TABLE II.

LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING AND REFERENCE.

RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY.									
CLASS.	No. of Volumes in Lending Library March, 1911.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total reductions.	Stock reduced as per column 5.	No. of Volumes replaced.	No. of new books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1912.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c....	1	2	3	4	5	586	—	8	594
B. History and Biography ...	586	—	—	—	—	1850	—	51	1901
C. Voyages, Travels, &c. ...	1851	—	1	—	1	1011	—	30	1041
D. Law, Politics, &c. ...	1011	—	—	—	—	390	1	15	406
E. Arts and Sciences ...	392	1	1	—	2	1475	4	27	1506
F. Fiction ...	1475	—	—	—	—	3214	150	60	3424
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics	3404	7	1	182	190	617	—	5	622
H. Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines ...	617	—	—	—	—	1739	—	25	1764
J. Juvenile Literature ...	1739	—	—	—	—	1339	56	71	1466
K. Music ...	1400	—	—	61	61	422	—	—	422
	422	—	—	—	—				
Lending Library Totals ...	12897	8	3	243	254	12643	211	292	13146
R.L. Reference Library ...	178	—	—	—	—	178	—	17	195
Combined Totals... ..	13075	8	3	243	254	12821	211	309	13341
Pamphlets ... ..	50	—	—	—	—	50	—	8	58

# TABLE III.

LIBRARY STOCK—LENDING, REFERENCE AND BOYS' ROOM.

PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERD'S BUSH.									
CLASS.	No. of Volumes in Lending Library, 31st March, 1911.	Volumes lost and paid for by borrowers.	Volumes lost.	Volumes withdrawn and worn out.	Total.	Stock reduced as per column 5.	No. of Volumes replaced.	No. of new books added to Library.	Stock 31st March, 1912.
A. Theology, Philosophy, &c....	1	2	3	4	5	634	2	1	637
B. History and Biography ...	637	1	2	—	3	2038	—	55	2093
C. Voyages, Travels, &c. ...	2040	—	1	1	2	842	1	38	881
D. Law, Politics, &c. ...	844	—	—	2	2	377	—	20	397
E. Arts and Sciences ...	377	—	—	—	—	1446	4	35	1485
F. Fiction ...	1451	3	—	2	5	2686	362	115	3163
G. Poetry, Drama and Classics...	3136	4	4	442	450	613	2	6	621
H. Miscellaneous Literature and Magazines ...	614	1	—	—	1	1003	7	18	1028
I. Juvenile Literature ...	1033	—	—	30	30	1214	135	71	1420
K. Music ...	1413	—	—	199	199	353	13	1	367
Lending Library Totals...	356	—	—	3	3	11206	526	360	12092
R.L. Reference Library ...	11901	9	7	679	695	730	24	25	779
B.L. Boys' Library ...	756	—	—	26	26	194	—	5	199
Combined Totals...	197	—	—	3	3	12130	550	390	13070
Pamphlets ...	12854	9	7	708	724	228	—	16	244
	228	—	—	—	—				

TABLE IV.

Volumes issued from the Libraries, 1911-1912.

	A. Theology, &c.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, &c.	D. Law, Politics, &c.	E. Art, Science, Natural History, &c.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Classics, Literature, &c.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes Issued.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
CARNEGIE (CENTRAL) LIBRARY.													
Lending Library ...	1623	6060	3573	2177	6283	96626	4764	789	21223	3470	146588	246	595
Reference Library ...	632	5027	2900	2187	5717	—	10312	24198	—	81	51054	307	106
Total ...	2255	11087	6473	4364	12000	96626	15076	24987	21223	3551	197642	—	761
RAVENSCOURT PARK LIBRARY.													
Lending Library ...	472	2082	1272	537	1952	34992	863	3521	13835	1024	60550	246	246
Reference Library ...	1775	2970	2546	2242	2828	—	2671	4748	—	1563	21343	303	70
Total ...	2247	5052	3818	2779	4780	34992	3534	8269	13835	2587	81893	—	316
PASSMORE EDWARDS LIBRARY, SHEPHERD'S BUSH.													
Lending Library ...	392	1913	1309	618	2704	39184	948	2857	14380	940	65245	246	265
Reference Library ...	550	1614	1183	1026	2583	—	2405	2610	—	—	11971	304	39
Total ...	942	3527	2492	1644	5287	39184	3353	5467	14380	940	77216	—	304
COLLEGE PARK LIBRARY.													
Lending Library ...	50	126	50	55	89	3539	31	50	1683	16	5689	304	18
COMBINED TOTALS, 1911-1912.													
Lending Library ...	5494	19792	12833	8842	22156	174341	21994	38773	51121	7094	362440	—	1399

TABLE V.

New borrowers and the Districts in which they reside.

Total number of Borrowers and Tickets issued.

Name of District.	Central Library.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	TOTALS.
College Park ...	1	—	—	92	93
Wormholt ...	20	23	534	—	577
Latimer ...	6	—	37	—	43
St. Stephen's ...	36	135	429	—	600
Starch Green ...	33	315	97	—	445
Ravenscourt ...	110	313	10	—	433
The Grove ...	336	85	32	—	453
Brook Green ...	666	11	31	—	708
St. Matthew's ...	406	2	162	—	570
St. Paul's ...	303	2	—	—	305
St. Peter's ...	120	75	—	—	195
New Tickets ...	2037	961	1332	92	4422
„ Students' do.	379	103	172	7	661
Renewals, Ordinary	1323	1235	938	57	3553
„ Students'	367	127	133	6	633
	4106	2426	2575	162	9269
Tickets cancelled ...	220	104	109	3	436
Total No. of Tickets in force ...	3886	2322	2466	159	8833

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TABLE VI.  
SUMMARY 1911-1912.

	Central Library.	Ravensc't Park	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	Totals.
Lending Libraries—					
Volumes presented ...	17	4	6	—	27
Volumes purchased...	374	288	354	76	1092
Volumes replaced ...	585	211	526	—	1322
Number of volumes in stock	13332	13146	12092	1282	39852
Number of issues ...	146588	60550	65245	5689	278072
Average daily issues ...	595	246	265	18	1124
Reference Libraries—					
Volumes presented ...	47	9	4	—	60
Volumes purchased...	338	8	21	—	367
Number of volumes in stock	7993	195	779	—	8967
Number of issues ...	51054	21343	11971	—	84368
Average daily issues ...	166	70	39	—	275
New Borrowers' Tickets issued	2037	961	1332	92	4422
New "Students'" Tickets ...	379	103	172	7	661
Borrowers' Tickets renewed...	1323	1235	938	57	3553
"Students'" Tickets renewed	367	127	133	6	633
Borrowers' Tickets cancelled	166	94	98	2	360
"Students'" Tickets cancelled	54	10	11	1	76
Number of Tickets in force ...	3886	2322	2466	159	8833
Volumes rebound and recased	1426	662	1017	13	3118
Volumes repaired by Staff ...	8746	8925	5799	—	23470
Total issue in Reference and Lending departments ...	197642	81893	77216	1282	358033
Total issue since the Libraries were opened—					
Central Library, books first issued, 9th Jan., 1906 ...	1036689				
Ravenscourt Park, books first issued, March, 1890 ...		2397143			
Passmore Edwards Library, Shepherd's Bush, Dec., 1896			1594887		
College Park, April, 1899 ...				45587	
Grand Total ...		5074306			

GENERAL DATA.

Population, 1912 (estimated) ...	...	...	...	122,750
Rateable Value ...	...	...	...	£854,460
Amount of Rate levied...	...	...	...	One Penny
Amount produced by Rate ...	...	...	...	£3345 0 3



TABLE VII.

Summary of Total Issues from time of opening of each Library.

	A. Theology, Philosophy, &c.	B. History and Biography.	C. Voyages, Travels, &c.	D. Law, Politics, Sociology, &c.	E. Art, Science, Natural History, &c.	F. Fiction.	G. Poetry, Drama, Classics, Literature, &c.	H. Miscellaneous Literature.	J. Juvenile Literature.	K. Music.	Total Number of Volumes issued.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
CARNEGIE (CENTRAL) LIBRARY. Books first issued 9th January, 1906.													
Lending Library ...	8743	36686	21011	10683	33825	498786	25134	3957	121023	18425	778273	1524	510
Reference Library ...	4146	37788	18143	11306	29609	—	55050	101093	—	381	258416	1989	130
Total ...	12889	74474	39154	21989	63434	498786	80184	105950	121023	18806	1036689	—	640
RAVENS COURT PARK BRANCH. Books first issued, March, 1890.													
Lending Library ...	23406	90698	58613	13742	85457	1484467	26888	100663	341841	37981	2272756	5497	674
Reference Library ...	6984	17935	14743	8738	24850	—	14066	33179	—	3892	124387	6035	88
Total ...	30390	108633	73356	22480	110307	1484467	40954	142842	341841	41873	2397143	—	762
SHEPHERD'S BUSH BRANCH. Books first issued, December, 1896.													
Lending Library ...	12190	50782	31050	12735	55724	974395	18011	54113	259017	27829	1496746	3782	395
Reference Library ...	4205	14006	9916	8413	21616	—	16234	23749	—	2	98141	4433	20
Total ...	16395	64788	40966	21148	77340	974395	35145	77862	259017	27831	1594887	—	415
COLLEGE PARK BRANCH. Books first issued, April, 1899.													
Lending Library ...	185	651	393	133	669	29809	208	4168	9183	188	45587	3155	14
COMBINED TOTALS.													
Lending Library ...	59859	248546	153869	65750	251750	2987457	156491	330822	731064	88698	5074306	—	—



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Brandon, Mr. Jocelyn, L.C.C. ... ..	—	5
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Lees, Mr. N. A. ... ..	—	6
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Lord Mayor of London ... ..	—	1
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Northampton Polytechnic Institute	...	...	...	...	I	—	
Peace Union	...	...	...	...	—	I	
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Dr.	EXPENDITURE.					
	Central.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush.	College Park.	Total.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Buildings, Repairs and Main- tenance ... ..	82 10 11	64 6 10	50 18 10	3 17 0	201 13 7	
Lighting ... ..	104 15 7	33 17 2	51 15 7	10 8 8	200 17 0	
Heating and Water Supply ...	48 7 10	28 19 0	38 5 0	8 10 0	124 1 10	
Salaries and Wages ... ..	608 10 0	390 11 5	472 9 6	87 14 0	1,559 4 11	
Books (new) ... ..	325 12 0	53 6 6	57 6 2	0 13 6	436 18 2	
Books (replacements)... ..	57 12 8	36 10 11	39 10 9	...	133 14 4	
Bookbinding ... ..	89 9 1	34 7 4	40 10 0	1 15 2	166 1 7	
Newspapers ... ..	122 15 9	67 3 0	75 13 11	26 6 9	291 19 5	
Rent, Taxes and Insurance ...	9 17 6	18 16 10	4 13 6	1 0 2	34 8 0	
Printing and Stationery ...	21 2 11	8 17 9	6 4 6	...	36 5 2	
Uniform Clothing ... ..	3 8 0	3 8 0	3 8 0	...	10 4 0	
Postage and Sundry Disburse- ments ... ..	17 5 10	3 18 3	3 13 11	2 3 3	27 1 3	
Interest on outstanding Loans	125 14 2	...	...	...	125 14 2	
Principal Instalment repaid ditto ... ..	147 0 0	...	...	...	147 0 0	
	1,764 2 3	744 3 0	844 9 8	142 8 6	3,495 3 5	
Balance—						
Surplus at 31st March, 1912 ... ..	...	...	...	238 19 6		
Less surplus at 31st March, 1911, brought forward	...	...	...	199 19 9		
Excess of income over expenditure ... ..	...	...	...		38 19 9	
					£ 3,534 3 2	

## OF HAMMERSMITH.

## ACCOUNT.

THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1912.

INCOME.						Cr.
	Borough Rate.	Central.	Ravenscourt Park.	Shepherd's Bush	College Park.	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Proportion of Borough Rate ... ..	3,345 0 3	...	...	...	...	3,345 0 3
Lines recovered ...	...	73 0 8	29 16 11	36 8 9	0 14 8	140 1 0
Sale of Catalogues ...	...	3 10 6	2 11 6	4 5 6	0 0 6	10 14 0
Reserved Books ...	...	0 5 9	0 15 2	0 14 1	...	1 15 0
Lost Books ... ..	...	1 7 4	0 19 6	1 12 0	...	3 18 10
Sale of Waste Paper, Magazines, &c. ...	...	7 12 10	9 2 5	13 8 6	1 0 3	31 4 0
Miscellaneous Receipts	...	1 6 9	0 3 4	...	...	1 10 1
	3,345 0 3	87 9 10	43 8 10	56 8 10	1 15 5	3,534 3 2

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